

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781.

CALL TO ORDER:

Supr Durm called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM EST with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer’s Report
2. Public Comment
3. Library ~ Skip Schmidt
4. US-2 Safety Improvements
5. Township Savings Account
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

OLL CALL: PRESENT: Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Trustees Spencer and Malcolm.

 ABSENT: NONE

 CITIZENS: D.J. Goudreau, Jr, Road Committee Chairman, Zoning Administrator Craig Therrian, Lee Ortman, Carl Goudreau, Jim Fenlon, St. Ignace Library Manager Skip Schmidt and St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr.

MINUTES:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) THE MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE NOVEMBER 1, 2017 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Lee Ortman questioned what is going on along US-2? Supr Durm reported that Enbridge is doing testing along their lines.

LIBRARY – SKIP SCHMIDT:

City of St. Ignace Library Manager Skip Schmidt was present to give update on the library. The monthly numbers are up from last year. A more detailed report will be given in February 2018.

US-2 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:

Supr Durm was contacted by MDOT to approve a resolution of support for a MDOT category A application for improved access and egress on US-2 for trucks hauling limestone. The improvements include a right turn lane at Sand Products and warning lights warning of slow-moving trucks. MDOT Transportation Planner, Vince Bevins in Escanaba is preparing this application. He is working with Graymont to minimize traffic concerns. Graymont intends to haul limestone from 6pm to 10am, which MDOT studies indicate are least busy on US-2. The following resolution was adopted:

MDOT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Graymont will be increasing truck traffic on US-2

WHEREAS MDOT wishes to improve the safety at the turn-off to Sand Products in Brevort, Moran Township, Mackinac County

WHEREAS MDOT desires to improve the functionality and features of US-2 by acquiring a MDOT Category A grant to achieve these improvements

WHEREAS this will also increase the safety and conditions on US-2

THE MORAN TOWNSHIP BOARD ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE US-2 PROJECT

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treasurer Dionne and Trustees Spencer and Malcolm

NO: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017.

Kristine R. Vallier

Kristine R. Valier, Clerk

Trustee Spencer questioned the Cut River Bridge being closed next summer for repairs and the extra truck traffic on Cut River Road.

TOWNSHIP SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Treasurer Dionne reports that one of our current savings accounts with Wolverine Bank has changed ownership. Horizon Bank has bought out Wolverine Bank. Horizon Bank has agreed to comply with our investment policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Spencer inquired concerning the passing lane at Pte Aux Chenes river. A study was done when the speed limit was 55 mph. Since the increase to 65 mph, has a new study been done? It is not safe to pass along this stretch at 65 mph!! This stretch of highway needs "NO PASSING" signs. Supr Durm to talk with MDOT.

Bonnie Ledy, a new resident on Boundary Road, has concerns about the property of Donald Lawson, quite a blight issue. She was informed that Mr. Lawson has received several citations, with no results. Supr Durm will follow up.

Recreation Director Scott Marshall has reviewed the upcoming recreational renewal contract and believes no changes are necessary. Trustee Spencer feels that the Golf Course should be a part of this contract. Schedule a meeting with Marshall after the first of the year. The Little Bear Fitness agreement should be a separate agreement. Trustee Spencer asked for the update on softball fields at Little Bear. Recreation board member Craig Therrian states the bids came in too high. No action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supr Durm met with MDOT, DEQ, Core of Engineers and Road Chairman Heckman about the upgrading of Boulevard Drive, with the possibility of paving. An evaluation study will need to be done with an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Preliminary engineering and basic site plan for the Father Marquette Park and History Center needs to be done. The Father Marquette Park committee is asking for help. The estimated cost for this site plan is \$45,000. They are requesting a \$5,000 contribution from Moran Twp for this project.

MOTION FROM DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$5,000 TO THE FATHER MARQUETTE PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE BASIC SITE PLAN ENGINEERING. MONEY TO COME FROM THE RECREATION FUND.

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$7,961.62

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S: \$20,956.26

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 PM EST

SIGNED: *Kristine R. Vallier*
 Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2017

APPROVED: JANUARY 3, 2018