

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

AGENDA:

- 1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer’s Report
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Little Bear East Fitness Center Membership Update
- 4. US-2 Speed Limit Sign
- 5. Septic Permit Application for the Gros Cap Church
- 6. MTA Request
- 7. FYI – Info
 - a. Zoning Ordinance amendment update
 - b. Ambulance Committee meeting 08/03/17
 - c. Michigan Dept of Treasury AMAR review letter
 - d. MTA Twp Focus Magazine request
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER: Supr Durm called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM DST with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Truistee’s Spencer and Malcolm.
ABSENT:	NONE
CITIZENS:	St. Ignace Recreation Director Scott Marshall, Lee Ortman, Janis Holle, M.T. Road Chairman D.J. Goudreau, Jim Fenlon and St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr.

MINUTES:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT FROM THE AUGUST 2, 2017 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

LITTLE BEAR EAST FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP UPDATE REPORT:

St. Ignace Recreation Director Scott Marshall was present to give update on Moran Twp residents using the Fitness Center. Scott reported that 2867 Moran Twp residents have signed in at the Fitness Center this year. 163 were already paid members. The free membership to Moran Township residents has been well received. Scott states the \$6,000 given by the Twp has been very helpful in purchasing new exercise equipment. The Board agreed to continue the agreement.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT FOR FREE MORAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS TO THE LITTLE BEAR EAST FITNESS CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000, TO COME FROM RECREATION FUND, WHICH ENDS 01-01-2018.

US-2 SPEED LIMIT SIGN:

There have been a number of requests by Twp residents concerning the speed limit on US-2, which has recently changed to 65 MPH. A letter drafted by Treas Dionne is being sent to the Michigan Department of Transportation:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO SEND LETTER TO MDOT CONCERNING US-2 SPEED LIMIT SIGN

Moran Twp has a half mile business area just west of the City of St. Ignace with 16 businesses. 7 are located on the south side of US-2 with 12 driveways and 9 businesses on the north side with 17 driveways. Traffic coming from the west on US-2 have been traveling 65 mph for up to 120 miles. The Board feels that the abrupt decrease to 45 mph needs improved signage. The ideal change for this area would be a more gradual decrease in speed limits before the business area is reached, however, if this is not possible, the twp board would like a flashing 45 mph speed limit sign.

SEPTIC PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE GROS CAP CHURCH:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO SEND A SEPTIC PERMIT APPLICATION, SITE EVALUATION, FOR THE GROS CAP CHURCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182 TO COME FROM GENERAL FUND.

MTA REQUEST:

Michigan Twp Association is requesting information about our township to be published in the Township Focus magazine. This request will be forwarded on to Janis Holle.

FYI INFO RECEIVED:

1. Zoning Ordinance amendment update.
2. Ambulance Committee meeting minutes from 08/03/2017
3. Michigan Dept Treasury AMAR Review letter.
4. MTA Twp Focus Magazine request.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Treas Dionne advised the MTA Fall Conference will **not** be held in St. Ignace this year. The conference will be held in the Soo or Petoskey. Anyone interested in attending contact Clerk Vallier and she will get you registered.
2. There have been 6 cremation burials this past summer. 4 of these burials have been handled by families of the deceased. A family member has called the Twp office for burials. Clerk Vallier told families the cost and then referred them to the Cemetery Sexton, Ben Goudreau. Families have paid the burial fee. 2 of these burials have been handled by Dodson Funeral Home. Mr. Dodson called Sexton Goudreau himself. Clerk Vallier sent Dodson Funeral Home the Twp fee for these 2 burials. A letter from Dodson Funeral Home stated they did not collect money for these burials. Advised the twp to bill the family. Supr Durm to prepare a letter for Mr. Dodson that the Twp needs to be paid **BEFORE** any burials take place in Moran Twp Cemeteries: Gros Cap Cemetery and Western Cemetery, Brevort.

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL & BILLS PAID: SEE ATTACHED CHECK REGISTAR

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 6:50 PM DST.**

SIGNED:

Moran Township Clerk

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

APPROVED: OCTOBER 4, 2017