

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St., Ignace, MI 49781

AGENDA

- 1 Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer's report
- 2 Public Comment (Limit 2 minutes)
- 3 Youth Hockey membership assistance request
- 4 Spring Clean-Up/Smith Sanitation
- 5 The Michigan History Center and the Straits Heritage Center
- 6 Gros Cap Church
- 7 Board of Review
- 8 2018/2019 Budget and Millages Public Hearing
- . 9 Old Business
- 10 . New Business
- 11 . Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne, Trustee Spencer and Malcolm
ABSENT: None
CITIZENS" Moran Twp Zoning Admr Craig Therrian, D.J. Goudreau, Jr. M.T. Road Committee Manager, and resident Amber Bird.

MINUTES:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FEBRUARY 7, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AND FEBRUARY 20, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING, AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

YOUTH HOCKEY MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:

Resident Amber Bird was present to request assistance for her son who plays hockey with the St. Ignace Hockey Association. Membership fees start at \$400 up to \$700, depending on age group. Her son is in the PeeWee hockey and membership for a year is \$400. Mrs. Bird was advised the township cannot offer assistance without a contract. How many Moran Twp children play hockey?

Mrs. Bird is requesting the numbers, but to date has not received them, when she receives the numbers she will forward to the board. Recommendation by Twp Board was to set up a contract with the Hockey Association for a dollar amount (\$50) per Moran Twp child membership.

SPRING CLEAN-UP:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO HOLD SPRING CLEAN-UP ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 WITH CONTRACTER SMITH SANITATION FROM BRIMLEY.

THE MICHIGAN HISTORY CENTER AND THE STRAITS HERITAGE CENTER:

They are applying for a NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities) Challenge Grant for the Father Marquette Park. We are being asked to approve a “Letter of Support” and a brief “Institutional Fact Sheet” The grant is for \$500,000 with a match of \$1.5 million.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) FOR SUPR DURM TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND FACT SHEET.

GROS CAP CHURCH:

Supr Durm was informed by Cloverland Electric Cooperative that they have been contacted by Andy and Sue Steffel (adjoining property owners) who have agreed to allow Cloverland an easement to upgrade the electrical service to the Gros Cap Church. Moran Twp must also agree to approve an easement to Cloverland so that they may place a pole on the church property. Cloverland is requesting that the Board approve someone to sign the easement.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO HAVE SUPR DURM SIGN FOR THE EASEMENT WITH CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC COOP. TO UPGRADE ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO GROS CAP CHURCH.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

At a recent Board of Review training session the subject of poverty exemptions was discussed. We have adopted the federal guidelines for income. It was suggested we also look at assets. Considerations could include expensive cars, snowmobiles, boats, and excess property. Treas Dionne indicated the Twp Board along with income guidelines has also adopted an asset policy. Supr Durm was given a copy of the asset policy,.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2018/2019 BUDGET

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:18 EST, TO CONSIDER THE 2018/2019 BUDGET.

There being no questions on the 2018/2019 proposed budget the public hearing was closed

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:22 EST.

ADOPTION OF MORAN TOWNSHIP BUDGET – APRIL 1, 2018 TO MARCH 31, 2019:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENTS LISTED FOR THE 2018/2019 BUDGET YEAR, TOWNSHIP MILLAGES AND MEETING DATES:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$369,972.59 |
| ROAD FUND | \$400,250.00 |
| RECREATION FUND | \$59,000.00 |
| WATER/SEWER FUND | \$81,320.25 |

TOWNSHIP MILLAGES

1.5 MILLS – TOWNSHIP ALLOCATED

2 MILLS – ROADS – EXP 2021

.25 MILLS FOR 2-RECREATION MILLAGES EXP – 2017 & 2019

.3 MILLS FOR THE ST. IGNACE LIBRARY EXP - 2025

Clerk Vallier also reported the fund balances for 2017/2018:

FUND BALANCES

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| GENERAL FUND: | 2017 | \$461,350.67 |
| | 2018 | \$571,106.96 |
| ROAD FUND: | 2017 | \$1,008,358.28 |
| | 2018 | \$ 802,769.41 |
| RECREATION FUND: | 2017 | \$264,146.89 |
| | 2018 | \$167,754.97 |

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

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| SEWER: | 2017 | \$161,909.02 |
| | 2018 | \$167,754.97 |
| WATER | 2017 | \$1,699,196.99 |
| | 2018 | \$1,660,954.28 |

ALL MEETING ARE ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING AT 6 PM AT THE MORAN TOWNSHIP HALL, W1362 US-2, ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN 49781:

MEETING DATES FOR 2017-2018

APRIL 4, 2018

MAY 2, 2018

JUNE 6, 2018

THURSDAY JULY 5, 2018

AUGUST 1, 2018

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

OCTOBER 3, 2018

NOVEMBER 7, 2018

DECEMBER 2, 2018

JANUARY 2, 2019

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

OLD BUSINESS:

M.T. Road Committee Chairman Goudreau reports the request from residences on Boulevard Drive to abandon the road has been researched. First and foremost Goudreau reports Moran Twp does not own any roads and has no authority to abandoned any.

The road committee research found that some of the residents requesting the abandonment live on the Densmore Beach Plat, with the section of Boulevard Drive in question running across it, but others do not. The plat is established by a legal document registered with Mackinac County, so if residents wanted to continue to pursue its abandonment they would have to take up the issue in the Mackinac County Circuit Court. The residents involved in the push who do not live on the plat would separately have to take up their request with the Mackinac County Road Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supr Durm reports Patti Becker has resigned from the Board of Review. Would like Jerry Garries appointed to fill her spot.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO APPOINT JERRY GARRIES TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

Treas Dionne and Trustee Spencer reported on the recent Fire Committee meeting. Treas Dionne reports she has been elected Chairman.

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$7,276.27

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S: \$10,367.24

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:45 PM DST.

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

**DATED: MARCH 9, 2018
APPROVED: APRIL 4, 2018**