

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2 St. Ignace, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Spencer 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: St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr,
Moran Twp Zoning Admr Craig Therrian,
D.J. Goudreau, Jr. M.T. Road Committee Manager,
Jim Fenlon, Jim Clapperton, Nick Polstin,
Larry and Terry Stokes and Bev Schmidt,
Kim Nowach and Mary Mauer.

GUESTS: Skip Schmidt, Director of the St. Ignace Library,

MINUTES:

Treas Dionne would like an addition to the Hendricks Township item in the February 3, 2016 paragraph concerning the increase of \$2500 for fire services.

This is a ONE TIME increase to be revisited in 2017.

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, WITH THE ADDITION, FOR THE FEBRUARY 3, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2016. ALSO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clerk Vallier reports the Public Hearing for the 2016-2017 Budget **can not** be held tonight. There was to have been a Public Hearing Notice published in the St. Ignace News. It was not published. The Board decided to hold the Public Hearing for the 2016-2017 Budget on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 10 AM DST.

ST. IGNACE LIBRARY:

Skip Schmidt, Director of the St. Ignace Library addressed the board regarding a millage request. The library board is requesting a .50 mill from Moran Twp. The library has 2100 card holders of which 400 residents are Moran Twp citizens. The library budget for 2015 was \$123,000. Their monies come from 46% city of St. Ignace, 27% from Penal Fines, 2% from State Aid the remaining from grants and donations. In the last few years the Library has increasingly assumed a larger role in providing our communities with a variety of services and programs.

At the same time, their primary source of funding, the millage revenue realized from the City of St. Ignace is decreasing, as are other funding sources. County Penal Fines are not consistently reliable and have decreased. State Aid money has also decreased. After carefully examining the Library's financial situation, the Library Board of Trustees has concluded that the Library will be unable to continue to provide services and programming at the current level, and meeting the challenges of the future, unless there is an increase in revenue. Schmidt also presented the Board the 2015 Annual Report. Trustee Spencer asked why a .50 mill? Schmidt responded any monies would be appreciated. Trustee Spencer stated that a .25 mill would be more likely to pass. Treas Dionne asked who would handle Moran Twp monies? The City of St. Ignace takes care of the monies for the Library. (Schmidt to find out if Moran Twp can handle their millage monies, if passed.) *CORRECTION - Schmidt stated monies can be paid directly to the Library.* Schmidt to return to the April meeting to present wordage for the ballot proposal, which needs to be submitted by May 10 to be on the August Primary ballot.

MORAN TOWNSHIP LINE 5 RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

MORAN TOWNSHIP MACKINAC COUNTY RESOLUTION

To request an evaluation of Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac

WHEREAS, Enbridge Energy is the owner/operator of Line 5 that transports crude oil and liquefied natural gas from superior, Wisconsin across Michigan's Upper Peninsula and through Moran Township, Mackinac County, Michigan where it crosses the Straits of Mackinac at the nexus of Lakes Michigan and Lakes Huron, continuing south through the Lower Peninsula to Sarnia, Ontario serving the energy needs of Michigan and Ontario, Canada; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 has been in service for over 60 years, and a serious leak in this Line could result in significant damage to the Great Lakes environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has legal authority to protect the bottomlands and waters of the Great Lakes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Moran Township Board of Trustees supports Governor Snyder's executive order to establish The Pipeline Safety Advisory Board, and it's current mission to seek proposals to evaluate Enbridge's financial viability to respond to an oil spill, and to assess alternatives to Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. U.S. # 2 " Pure Michigan Byway" proposal TABLED.
2. Citation has been issued by the Court to Tom Coffey for his resistance to pay for a cremation burial. If the court receives no response, the court will set a court date.

3. BUDGET AMENDMENT

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO AMEND THE BUDGET ITEM FOR THE GROS CAP CHURCH PRESERVATION FUND SUPPLIES – 803-726 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126.49 AND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – 803-801 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179.10.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supr Durm and Treas Dionne met with the Twp Attorney Evashevski on March 2, 2016 concerning the separate fund account according to the St. Ignace Fire Agreement. Durm and Dionne are at a stand still with City Clerk Vonderwerth. Attorney Evashevski suggested a meeting with Supr Durm, Treas Dionne, Moran Twp Attorney Evashevski, Auditor Mahlmeister, Clerk Vonderwerth, City Manager Therrian, the City of St. Ignace Attorney and Auditor. Supr Durm to set up the meeting.

TOWNSHIP BILLS: Checks + EFT's = General Fund \$19,793.18

4968	P.J. Durm Supr	\$	1136.83
4969	KR Vallier, Clerk	\$	928.22
4970	SK Dionne, Treas	\$	836.62
4971	R Oliver, Bldg Insp	\$	401.66
4972	B. Alkire, Custodian	\$	46.99
4973	VOID		
4974	R Oliver, Assessor	\$	179.04
4975	DSP, Inc	\$	1939.71
4976	C Therrian, Zon Admr	\$	615.83
4977	Cheboygan Life Support Systems, Inc	\$	7360.49
4978	City of St. Ignace Water Dept	\$	58.94
4979	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	31.74
4991	C Therrian Zon Admr	\$	614.87
4992	MA Spencer, Trustee	\$	282.59
4993	C Malcolm, Trustee	\$	282.59
4995	Charter Communications	\$	259.94
4996	National Office Prods	\$	320.88
4997	The St. Ignace News	\$	74.40
5001	Nicole Garen, Dep Clerk	\$	277.05
5005	S Fenlon, Elec Insp	\$	145.00
5002	N Garen, Elec Chair	\$	152.38
5003	P Becker, Elec Insp	\$	145.00
5004	M. S. Kunze, Elec Insp	\$	145.00
5006	Mack County Treas	\$	118.65
5007	GBS, Inc	\$	280.00
5009	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	1122.88

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Lighthouse.net	\$	12.99
FNB	\$	5.00
IRS	\$	1678.12
State of Michigan	\$	339.77

RECREATION Checks + EFT'S = \$2493.61

4980 AT&T	\$	47.66
4981 Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	178.72
4982 J Tamlyn, Manager	\$	785.04
4983 D Brow	\$	87.21
4984 T Snyder	\$	74.87
4985 C Garen	\$	48.66
4986 L Valletta	\$	82.79
4987 J Cece	\$	97.33
4988 F Davis	\$	89.85
4989 L Gustafson	\$	48.66
4990 K Brow	\$	158.58
4994 Precision Edge Outdoor Services	\$	150.00
4998 Lynn Auto Parts	\$	37.00
4999 Ace Hardware	\$	19.99
5000 St. Ignace True Value Hard	\$	30.03
5008 Mackinac Plumbing & Heating Co	\$	105.00

EFT'S		
IRS	\$	376.61
State of Michigan	\$	75.61

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY MALCOLM, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:55 PM EST.

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

DATED: MARCH 4, 2016
APPROVED: APRIL 6, 2016