The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

### **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 and

Trustees Spencer and Malcolm

ABSENT: NONE

CITIZENS: Lee Ortman and D.J. Goudreau, Jr. M.T. Road

Committee Chairman, Graymont Rep Darryl Browning, Jim Fenlon, Allied EMS Rep Mark Wilk, Merlin Doren M.T. Rep St. Ignace Recreation committee, St. Ignace Recreation Director, Scott

Marshall. and St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr.

### MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO APPROVE MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2014.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

## **GRAYMONT:**

Representative Darryl Browning was present to obtain a revised land transaction resolution. A proposal submitted by Graymont to the Michigan Dept of Natural Resources to purchase/exchange land and mineral rights for limestone mining and processing operations in western Mackinac, southern Luce and southwestern Chippewa counties.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO ADOPT THE REVISED LAND TRANSACTION PROPOSAL RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY GRAYMONT IN OCTOBER 2014.

ROLL CALL: AYES: DURM, VALLIER, DIONNE, SPENCER AND

MALCOLM.

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

#### **AUDIT REPORT:**

Richard Mahlmeister, CPA – Auditor for Moran Twp, was present to give the audit report for the year 2012 – 2013. The Twp is in good shape.

## ST. IGNACE RECREATION REPORT:

St. Ignace Recreation Director Scott Marshall was present to give update on summer recreation programs. 552 participants in summer programs, 153 participants were Moran Twp residents – 28% as well as many of the coaches are Moran Twp residents. Rep for M.T. Merlin Doran, stated the recreation committee is working on installing much needed play fields, north of The Little Bear Arena for the upcoming season.

### **AMBULANCE SERVICE:**

The continuation of ambulance service in our community may require additional revenue and a change to our methods of financing and management. The current situation was caused by the withdrawal of Emmet county from Allied EMS. This reduces Allied's operating revenues by 55%. Allied has cut expenses, but any further cuts will result in cuts in services. Allied hopes to cut their expenses further by severing their office building lease. An ambulance committee has been formed by existing entities (City of St. Ignace and the Townships of Brevort, Hendricks, Hudson, Moran and St. Ignace.) to discuss a proposed authority. Establishing an authority would be a funding mechanism.

## **RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION:**

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE MORAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A FIVE YEAR RECREATION PLAN.

ROLL CALL: AYES: DURM, VALLIER, DIONNE, SPENCER AND

MALCOLM.

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

THE RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2014.

#### MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO HIRE WADE TRIM ASSOCIATES, INC TO ASSIST WITH THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE AT A LUMP SUM FEE OF \$9,250.

At this time Mark A. Spencer states he is resigning as Zoning Administrator on April 1, 2015.

## MACKINAC COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN:

The EUP Regional Development Commission is requesting that all units of government within Mackinac County approve a Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution. Treas Dionne will prepare a resolution to be approved at the December meeting.

## MORAN TOWNSHIP HALL RE-ROOFING PROJECT:

The re-roofing project is complete. The final closeout package from R. S. Scott Associates and a balance due of \$1,147.50, was received.

#### TAX FORECLOSURE AUCTION:

Letter from Mackinac County Treasurer, Nora Massey, notification that the final tax foreclosure auction for 2014 has four parcels in Moran Twp that remain unsold. Properties that are unsold after the second round of auctions are to be deeded to the local unit unless they reject them pursuant to MCL.211.78m(6).

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO SEND LETTER TO MACKINAC COUNTY TREASURER THAT MORAN TWP IS NOT INTERESTED IN THESE PROPERTIES.

### STRAITS STATE PARK/FATHER MARQUETTE NATIONAL MEMORIAL:

The DNR held a public meeting on October 28, 2014 to gather public input on the management plan developed for the Straits State Park/Father Marquette National Memorial. Meeting was well attended. The next step is to come up with a business plan that incorporates financing, operations and maintenance. More public meetings to come.

### DOC HOLLE'S SILVER MOUNTAIN SKI HILL MEETING:

The Ski Hill committee held a meeting on October 28, 2014:

- a. The community applied for a Community Fund Grand of \$1,750, to purchase snowshoes to expand the outdoor recreational opportunities.
- **b.** Three Cross-County meets were held at the park.
- **c.** Manager Jake Tamlyn is building two warm-up shacks at the top of the hill for attendants, and adding a metal roof on an existing shack.
- **d.** The committee established new tubing rates: Child \$6.00, same as before, Adult \$8.00, up from \$7.00.

#### **MDOT "No Engine Braking" request:**

A resident from Brevort requested a "No Engine Braking" sign to be placed on the west entrance of Brevort. Supr Durm sent a letter to Michigan Department of Transportation Newberry Service Center concerning this request. A letter received from MDOT, states this type of sign is prohibited on all state trunklines. It is not illegal to use engine braking devices; therefore, MDOT does not place this type of sign. Clerk Vallier to send a copy of letter to resident.

#### ELECTRIC UTILITY RATE INCREASE: TABLED

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Treas Dionne still researching what other townships do for rental of their hall.
- 2. Clerk Vallier reports a 51% turn out for the General Election, November 4, 2014.

# **NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

<b>TOWNSHIP BILLS:</b> Checks 4363 thru 4398 + EFT'S =		\$20,183.63		
4363	P.James Durm, Supr	\$	1116.64	
4364	Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk	\$	910.51	
4365	Susan K. Dionne, Treas	\$	911.00	
4366	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	\$	415.79	
4367	Mark A. Spencer, Zon Admr	\$	768.10	
4368	Barbara Alkire, Custod	\$	46.17	
4369	Richard Oliver, Assessor	\$ \$ \$ \$	182.69	
4370	DSP, Inc	\$	1939.71	
4371	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	21.54	
4372	City of St. Ignace Water Dept	\$	51.38	
4373	Allied EMS Systems, Inc	\$	7394.65	
4377	BS&A	\$	589.00	
4378	Charter Communications	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	263.05	
4379	Postmaster	\$	60.00	
4380	Mackinac Co Equalization Dept	\$	20.00	
4382	MA Spencer, Trustee	\$	141.29	
4383	C Malcolm, Trustee	\$	141.29	
4384	N Garen, Election	\$	152.37	
4385	S Fenlon, Election	\$	145.00	
4386	M S Kunze, Election	\$	145.00	
4387	S Hartley, Election	\$	145.00	
4388	P Kennedy, Election	\$	110.00	
4389	P Becker, Election	\$ \$	55.41	
4390	Mich Assoc of Municipal Clerks	\$	50.00	
4391	SK Dionne, Treas	\$	59.88	
4392	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	855.73	
4395	GBS, Inc	\$	280.00	
4396	Pummill Print Service	\$	338.01	
4398	R. Scott Associates	\$	1147.50	
EFT'S				
	FNB	\$	5.00	
	Lighthouse.net	\$	12.99	
	IRS	\$	1470.37	
	State Of MI	\$	238.56	

<b>RECREATION:</b> Checks + EFT'S = $$2,480.05$				
4374	Jake Tamlyn	\$	298.92	
4375	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	59.86	
4376	AT&T	\$	37.49	
4381	Straits Building Center	\$	23.76	
4393	Lynn Meade	\$	290.00	
4394	Jake Tamlyn	\$	1301.23	
EFT'S				
	IRS	\$	402.75	
	State of MI	\$	66.04	

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE, (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:19 PM EST.

SIGNED: Kristine R. Vallier DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2014

Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

**APPROVED: DECEMBER 3, 2014**