

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, MI 49781.

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 Trustees Spencer and Malcolm.
ABSENT: NONE
GUESTS: MT Road Committee Chairman D.J. Goudreau, Jr St. Ignace News Reporter Martha Stuit, Allied Manager Mark Wilk and Mackinac Co Commissioner Mary Swiderski.
CITIZENS: Lee Ortman, Ben Goudreau and Larry Belonga.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 3, 2013 MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mackinac Co Commissioner Mary Swiderski has received complaints on speeding along the east end of Boulevard Drive. Residents would like signage to slow the traffic or preferably close the road. This is a county road and the township does not have the authority to close the road. All residents would have to sign a petition and present it to the township who would pass it along to the Mackinac Co Road Commission for action.

BEN GOUDREAU BLIGHT ISSUE:

Mr. Goudreau's Blight citation has been satisfied. The house and debris have been removed. Mr. Goudreau is requesting a letter stating that he no longer is in violation of the citation. Supr Durm to send letter to Mr. Goudreau stating he no longer is in violation.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Ambulance Committee met on July 16, 2013. Due to an engine failure with one of the existing ambulances, the Committee is recommending the purchase of a new ambulance with trade-in of the old ambulance. A trade-in amount of \$4000.00 was questioned by resident Lee Ortman. Ortman states that the vehicle is worth more than \$4000.00. Why not keep and refurbish and re-sell. Wilk stated the estimate of reburishing would be approx. \$10,000. Ortman feels that is well worth doing Ortman going to look for a buyer. Wilk will ask the dealer for a better trade-in price. The new ambulance will cost approx. \$115,566.00. Moran Twp share would be approx. \$20,801.88. At this time the Ambulance Committee is requesting support for the buy from its members.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO GO FORWARD WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE.

BOULEVARD DRIVE – WEST END:

A complaint has been received from Patty Peek on Boulevard Drive concerning heavy truck traffic and lack of dust control. The Enbridge Pump Station is doing upgrades. Larry Belonga is the hauler of sand and gravel for the project and states possibly 2 more weeks of hauling. Belonga has monitored the speed of the trucks as well as Commissioner Swiderski. Both state the trucks are not speeding. There is a problem with dust and Supr Durm will contact a supplier to chloride the road. Mackinac Co Road Commission has graded the road. With the oil spills recently in Michigan, Enbridge is considering upgrading the road to an all season road so it is accessible to their property year round.

WOODS ROAD UPDATE:

M.T. Road Committee Chairman Goudreau will call a committee meeting after Labor Day to discuss the problem with Woods Road.

MORAN TOWNSHIP HALL RENOVATION DISCUSSION:

Supr Durm has spoke with First National Bank considering a loan. FNB will consider a loan for 5 years at 2.3%. First step will be to hire an architect for a design.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO HIRE RS SCOTT ENGINEERS TO DRAW UP A DESIGN.

RECREATION MILLAGE:

Treas Dionne asked if the Recreation Millage should be reduced. The fund balance is \$161,180.13. With major projects, such as boat launching site on Bashore Road and the rebuilding of Father Marquette Park, the millage should be left as is. Grants usually require match monies.

AT&T METRO ACT:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO SIGN THE AT&T METRO ACT RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT EXTENSION REQUEST.

Trustee Spencer wondered why we do not have a Metro Act Right of Way permit with SEMCO Energy. Supr Durm to check with Twp Attorney Evashevski.

2% MONIES:

Moran Twp received a check from the Sault Ste Marie Tribe for 2% monies in the amount of \$4,793.18. Supr Durm discovered it was intended for Gros Cap School. The full amount has been forwarded to the school.

SKI HILL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:

A request from Doc Holle Ski Hill Manager Jake Tamlyn for new tubes and lights. An estimate for tubes was \$4,810.00 plus shipping and for 6 lights on the hill (which are 20 years old) to be replaced in the amount of \$577.00.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO PURCHASE 40 TUBES AND REPLACE 6 LIGHTS ON THE SKI HILL. MONEY TO COME FROM RECREATION FUND.

A Certificate of Liability Insurance has been received from the St. Ignace Area Schools for the use of Doc Holle’s Silver Mountain Ski Hill. The school holds track meets at the hill.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE LIABILITY CERTIFICATE AS LONG AS THE TWP INSURANCE AGREES.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Spencer states the Worth Road Dry Fire Hydrant is in operation. A winter time plowing of the parking lot needs to be addressed. Spencer to seek an individual to do this and submit a proposal at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treas Dionne has put together a Moran Township Fireworks Ordinance for review. To be discussed at the September meeting.

INVOICE:

Invoice received from Vallier Trucking for tree removal at Gros Cap Cemetery – 3 hours at \$100 per hour totaling \$300.00.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO PAY INVOICE FROM VALLIER TRUCKING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00 FOR TREE REMOVAL AT THE GROS CAP CEMETERY. MONEY TO COME FROM CEMETERY FUND.

TOWNSHIP BILLS: Checks 3859 thru 3884 + EFT’s = \$11646.89

3859	P.J. Durm, Supr	\$	1118.47
3860	KR Vallier, Clerk	\$	912.33
3861	SK Dionne, Treas	\$	687.82
3862	R. Bishop, Bldg Insp	\$	416.38
3863	MA Spencer, Zon Admr	\$	768.10
3864	B. Alkire, Custo	\$	50.40
3865	R. Oliver, Assessor	\$	176.20
3866	DSP, Inc	\$	1939.71
3867	Brian Olsen	\$	922.50
3868	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	10.88
3869	AT&T (Rec)	\$	37.30
3870	Cloverland Elec Coop (Rec)	\$	40.98
3871	Pummill Print Service	\$	324.93
3872	R. Bishop, Bldg Insp	\$	118.09
3873	City of St. Ignace Water Dept	\$	51.38
3874	National Office Prod	\$	34.59

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3875	Charter Communi	\$	262.65
3876	C Malcolm, Trustee	\$	141.29
3877	M Spencer, Trustee	\$	141.29
3878	Arletta Pope, Elec	\$	143.14
3879	Suzy Hartley, Elec	\$	85.00
3880	Patti Becker, Elec	\$	133.91
3881	K. Vallier, Elec	\$	133.91
3882	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	638.03
3883	GBS	\$	280.00
3884	The Sentry Spray Service	\$	95.00

EFT's			
FNB		\$	5.00
Lighthouse.net		\$	10.00
IRS		\$	1729.05
State of MI		\$	238.56

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

1026	Ernie Vallier Trucking	\$	300.00
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RECREATION FUND

1084	Idaho Sewing For Sports, Inc	\$	2405.00
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ROAD FUND

MO	Mackinac County Road Commission	\$	4999.50
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ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 7:29 PM DST**

SIGNED:

Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

DATED: AUGUST 8, 2013

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 4, 2013