

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781

**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 Trustee Malcolm  
ABSENT: NONE  
CITIZENS: D.J. Goudreau, Jr. M.T. Road Committee Chairman  
Richard Oliver- Assessor, Cheryl & Jim Schlehuber  
Jim Fenlon, Lee Ortman, Glawe Rep Warren  
Gordon, Wilcox Rep Marv Winberg and St. Ignace  
News Reporter Josh Perttunen, Doc Holle' Silver  
Mountain Ski Hill Manager Jake Tamlyn.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

1. St. Ignace Fire Dept – Year to date info 2011.
2. Water and Sewer rate increase sheet passed by the St. Ignace City Council, new rates to start March 1, 2012.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE JANUARY 4, 2012 REGULAR MEETING.**

**PORTAGE STREET WATER PROJECT:**

A letter received from Marv Winberg, Project Coordinator with Wilcox Engineering Service states the problem with the uneven paving of Portage Street Water Project is not due to poor quality workmanship by Payne & Dolan. The contractors involved feel that, other than the bumps at both ends, they restored the traveled surface to the best of their ability by matching the edge of the westbound lane and the edge of the paved shoulder adjacent to the eastbound lane. A ride on that paved shoulder will indicate how irregular that surface is. That unevenness has been reflected in the ride quality of the eastbound lane. Wilcox recommends that the use of contingency funds be explored with USDA in correcting the problem. USDA would need to pre-approve the use of project funds prior to proceeding with this approach to correcting the problem. There currently remains a \$77,000 balance of uncommitted funds in the project contingency.

Wilcox has experienced a current budget over-run of \$5,600. This over-run is associated with resolution of the paving issue associated with the marginal ride quality.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL MONIES OF \$5,600 TO WILCOX ENGINEERING BUDGET. ENGINEERING AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**CONTRACTOR’S PAYMENT #6:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO PAY CONTRACTOR’S PAYMENT #6 TO GLAWE, INC FOR \$38,527.87.**

**ST. IGNACE EVENTS COMMITTEE REQUEST:**

Plans are underway to move the Pond Hockey Tournament and the WISSA Sail Competition to Boulevard Drive on Enbridge property. Enbridge is requesting a Waiver of Liability or “Hold Harmless” from Moran Township. Supr Durm will be out of town on Thursday so Trustee Spencer will check into options.

**HOWARD EVERSON REQUEST:**

Mr. Everson states he directly accesses city water from a city water line not Moran Twp’s, therefore he should not have to pay Moran Twp Water Usage Fees. Twp attorney Evashevski’s opinion states he does not believe the township can assess and collect fees to these customers or incurring any expense that is related to the city providing the service. It is city water delivered through city pipes. The township ordinance only imposes fees to users of the township system.

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) ANY RESIDENT IN MORAN TOWNSHIP WHO IS NOT CONNECTED TO MORAN TOWNSHIP WATER LINES WILL NOT BE CHARGED MORAN TOWNSHIP USAGE FEES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2012.**

**ASSESSING UPDATE:**

Assessor Oliver states he has bought a new quad-core computer in the allotted amount approved (\$1500).

Assessor Oliver has been asked by CSZ, the reassessment company, to sign the roll. Oliver is reluctant to sign as he did not do the assessments. Jim Fenlon, Equalization Director recommends a certified letter be sent to the State Tax Commission, who ordered the reassessment, requesting in writing who is to sign the tax roll?

**ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE PRESIDENTAL PRIMARY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012:**

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| <b>CHAIRPERSON:</b> | <b>ARLETTA POPE</b>                 |
| <b>INSPECTORS:</b>  | <b>PATTI BECKER, MARY SUE KUNZE</b> |
| <b>ALTERNATE:</b>   | <b>SUZY HARTLEY.</b>                |

**DOC HOLLE’S SILVER MOUNTAIN SKI HILL:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE LETTER FOR “LEASE TERMINATION” OF DOC HOLLE’S SILVER MOUNTAIN, FROM THE CITY OF ST. IGNACE DATED JANUARY 16, 2012 AS A 30 DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION.**

Ski Hill Manager Jake Tamlyn suggests the Ski Hill Committee should get together to make recommendations from this point. Due to no snow this winter the ski hill will not open.

Supr Durm has requested a financial statement on the Ski Hill from City Manager Les Therrian several times with no response.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO HAVE SUPERVISOR DURM ATTEND A ST. IGNACE CITY COUNCIL MEETING REQUESTING AN ACCOUNTING FROM THE CITY ON THE RECREATION FUNDS FOR THE 2010-2011 SEASON.**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

D.J. Goudreau, Road Committee Chairman was present to recommend the following road improvement projects for 2012 and beyond approved by the MT Road Committee:

Old Portage Trail – Reconstruction and repaving

Worth Road Bridge over Brevort River – replace existing bridge scheduled for 2014

Dust Control Program

Black Point Road

27-Mile Road – improve existing grade and upgrade to an asphalt surface.

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO RECOMMEND D.J. GOUDREAU TO PROCEED WITH THE MACKINAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO PRESENT THESE PROJECTS TO DEVELOP AGREEMENTS WITH ESTIMATED OSTS AND AMOUNTS TO BE CONTRIBUTED BY EACH ENTITY.**

**TOWNSHIP BILLS: Checks 3241 thru 3262 + EFT’s = \$11046.71**

3241	P.J. Durm, Supr	\$	1236.41
3242	K.R. Vallier, Clerk	\$	871.71
3243	S.K. Dionne, Treas	\$	963.70
3244	R. Bishop, Bldg Insp	\$	417.14
3245	M.A. Spencer, Zon Admr	\$	769.43

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3246	B. Alkire, Custod	\$	47.17
3247	R. Oliver, Assessor	\$	188.70
3248	DSP, Inc	\$	1920.00
3249	AT&T	\$	304.96
3250	Pummil Print Service	\$	47.70
3251	AT&T	\$	257.46
3252	Reiter's Web Design, Inc	\$	134.00
3253	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	10.77
3254	KR Vallier, Clerk	\$	323.44
3255	MA Spencer, Trustee	\$	141.53
3256	C Malcolm, Trustee	\$	141.53
3257	KA Kittell, Dep Treas	\$	61.33
3258	B&B Snowplowing	\$	245.00
3259	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	1103.97
3260	St. Ignace Water Dept	\$	51.38
3261	The St. Ignace News	\$	48.13
3262	Charter Communications	\$	274.33
EFT'S			
	IRS	\$	1431.97
	Lighthouse. Net	\$	49.95
	FNB	\$	5.00

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 7:20 PM EST.**

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

**DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 2012**

**APPROVED: MARCH 7, 2012**