

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at the Trinity Lutheran church, W4528 Fisherman's Drive, Brevort, Michigan.

**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 Heuer and Spencer.  
**ABSENT:** None  
**GUESTS:** Michael Ayala, St. Ignace News Reporter, Chuck Malcolm, Jim Fenlon, Mark Wilk, Richard and Cindy Oliver, Roy Ragland and Mark Spencer Sr.

**MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 5, 2009 AS PRESENTED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS RECEIVED FYI:**

1. St. Ignace Fire Dept report for July 2009.
2. Allied EMS Systems, Inc letter stating resignation of Executive Director Dave Slifka.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX ABATEMENT, AS REQUESTED BY GRIFFIN BEVERAGE ON PARCEL # 49-008-015-010-00.**

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:04 PM DST**

A Public Hearing was conducted on August 6, 2008 approving the establishment of an Industrial Development District and the Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement for Griffin Beverage Company, but the proper notifications were not mailed to the affected entities. Mackinac County Commissioners requested a notification and another Public Hearing. Township resident Jim Fenlon was present to ask questions prepared by the Commission. The Board answered their questions. No other questions from the citizens in attendance were asked.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:15 PM DST.**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR A NEW FACILITY FOR GRIFFIN BEVERAGE COMPNAY, PARCEL # 49-008-015-010-00, LOCATED AT W1271 OLD PORTAGE TRAIL, MORAN TOWNSHIP - ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN. A 50% REDUCTION OF THE MILLAGE OF 35.1729 EACH YEAR FOR 12 YEARS ON \$600,000 OF REAL PROPERTY AND \$100,000 OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR A TOTAL OF \$700,000 IN NEW CONSTRUCTION. THE EXEMPTION BEING \$4,928.11 PER YEAR FOR 12 YEARS, TOTAL OF \$59,137.26.**

*SEE WORDING OF ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS IN THE AUGUST 6, 2008 REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Appoint 2 members of Moran Twp Board to meet with City of St. Ignace and St. Ignace Township to discuss a renewal contract for fire protection.

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO APPOINT TRUSTEE MARK SPENCER AND TREASURER SUSAN DIONNE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD.**

**FIRE DEPT BILL:**

An invoice from the City of St. Ignace for fire services 2008-2009 in the amount of \$51,744.86 was received. An \$8,443.53 increase over 2007-2008. The board questioned the large increase. An informal board mtg with St. Ignace City Manager, Eric Dodson and Fire Chief Robinson was held on August 20. The only contract between St. Ignace Moran Twp and St. Ignace Twp found was from 1998. The suggestion of a Fire Board consisting of 2 representatives from Moran Twp, City of St. Ignace and St. Ignace Twp was proposed, to discuss a new contract.

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO PAY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BILL AMOUNT FROM 2007-2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,301.33 UNTIL THE NEW CONTRACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.**

**911 NUMBERING UPDATE:**

Steve DuFresne has finished the installing of backlogged 911 house numbers that were reported missing.

**FYI DOC HOLLE'S SILVER MOUNTAIN SKI HILL:**

The Ski Hill committee met Tuesday, August 18, 2009. Ski Hill Manager, Jake Tamlyn would like to build a 26' x 40' garage onto the existing warming shed. It would be used for storage of the groomers and allow more effective wintertime maintenance. The Committee is requesting that the new building be financed through the Moran Township Recreation Account with repayment to be made yearly from the Ski Hill Operating Budget.

**INVOICES:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO PAY THE FOLLOWING INVOICES:**

Road Fund	Lange Enterprises	\$ 252.19	(911 house numbers)
Road Fund	Steve DuFresne	\$ 537.35	( 911 house number installation)
General Fund	Mackinac Environmental	\$ 1728.00	(Wetland Delineation, Map Preparation, Application Fee for new road on Twp property)

**GROS CAP CHURCH INTERIOR PAINTING:**

3 individuals are requesting board approval to paint the interior of the Gros Cap Church. 2 of the group would like to be married at the church in the summer of 2010. The interior of the church is in need of painting and some small plaster repairs. Trustee Spencer suggested putting the painting out for bids on labor only. The township will supply the materials. MATTER TABLED.

**ALLIED EMS:**

Mark Wilk was present to discuss the purchasing of powerized cots for the Allied Ambulance's. The powerized cots will lift up to a 700 pound person. Therefore saving the backs of the ambulance personnel. The cost for 1 powerized cot is \$20,422.72. Allied EMS would like to purchase 16 of these cots for their ambulances. Moran Twp's share would be \$14,740.36, \$3,685.09 over 4-years. The billing would be included in the yearly billing with Allied EMS.

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO GO FORWARD WITH THE PURCHASE OF POWER COTS FOR ALLIED EMS, WITH MORAN TWP'S SHARE BEING \$14,740.36 – (\$3685.09 OVER 4-YEARS TO BE INVOICED WITH YEARLY SUBSIDY)**

Also Mr. Wilk would like to inform the board that long-termed, Allied is hoping to replace the oldest ambulance in St. Ignace next year. A new ambulance would cost between \$113,000 and \$120,000. A re-mount ambulance would cost around \$68,000. A concern to consider when working on the 2010 -2011 budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The IRS decision regarding contracted assessors. The IRS states an assessor of record is an employee of the township. The contracted assessing company's owner can be a part-time assessor for an entity, therefore covering the FICA costs for IRS. Richard Oliver, President of DSP, Inc. who is the contracted assessing company for Moran Twp is suggesting that the Assessor of Record be put on as a part-time employee at a pay rate of \$200 per month. And contract with DSP, Inc to do the bulk of the work.

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO HIRE RICHARD OLIVER AS PART-TIME ASSESSOR FOR MORAN TWP WITH A SALARY OF \$200 MONTHLY. POSITION TO START OCTOBER 1, 2009.**

The Assessor’s Budget will change to: Highlighted line items are the new changes:

<b>257-702</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 1200.00</b>
257-703	Salaries – Deputy	\$ 1500.00
<b>257-714</b>	<b>SS &amp; MC</b>	<b>\$ 345.00</b>
257-726	Supplies	\$ 500.00
<b>257-801</b>	<b>Professional Services</b>	<b>\$24,600.00</b>
257-860	Transportation	\$ 725.00
257-901	Tax Statements	\$ 6,500.00
257-958	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 50.00
	Total Assessor	\$35,420.00

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ASSESSOR’S BUDGET FOR 2009-2010.**

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRED:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO RE-APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PLC & ZBA BOARDS FOR A 3-YEAR TERM, WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE IN 2012:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** CHAIRMAN SEAN O’BOYLE  
CHARLES MALCOLM  
JOANN FORD  
DEBORA COXE

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** CHAIRMAN SEAN O’BOYLE  
GEORGE FORD

**RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE:**

**Section 2.02 Definitions:**

**Bed & Breakfast:** A residential home with 5 or less bedrooms for rent by travelers with private or shared bathrooms. Only breakfast will be served on premises.

**Hotel:** An establishment that provides lodging, usually meals, and services for travelers and other paying guests.

**Motel:** An establishment providing lodging for motorists usually having direct access to parking area.

**Wind energy conversion system-Small (Residential):** A Wind energy conversion system as defined herein, consisting of a wind turbine, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics, which a rated capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts (KW) and which is intended to primarily reduce on-site consumption of utility power.

**Wind Energy Conversion System-Large (Commercial):** A wind energy conversion system as defined herein, consisting of a wind turbine, a tower, and associated controls or conversion electronics, which has a rated capacity of more than two kilowatts (KW).

**In Article 3 add:**

One Small Wind Energy Conversion System will be permitted in all zoning districts with the following conditions:

- (1) Tower height is one hundred (100) feet or less.
- (2) Property setbacks-the distance between the on-site energy system and the owner's property lines shall be at least 1 ½ times the total height of the wind energy system. No part of the wind energy system structure including the guy wire anchors may extend closer than ten (10) feet to the owner's property lines.
- (3) System shall comply with all applicable local, state, and/or federal construction and electrical codes and aviation regulations.

**In Article 21, Sec. 21.17: a. Wind Energy conversion System (WECS):**

Add to second paragraph, first sentence the word "Large" before Wind Energy conversion System.

Delete last sentence of second paragraph: Which reads, Wind Towers that are less than thirty-five (35) feet are a permitted accessory use in all zoning districts.

Add as the third paragraph: Two or more Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems will require a Special Use Permit.

**In Article 21, Sec 21.17**

(4) Definitions:

Replace Wind Turbine Height with: Maximum Height: When referring to a wind turbine, the distance measured from the ground level to the blade extended at its highest point.

Add as a new definition:

Minimum Height: When referring to a wind turbine, the distance from the ground level to the blade at its lowest point must be ten (10) feet or greater.

**In Article 21 Sec. 21.17 add:**

Bed & Breakfasts Permitted. A bed and breakfast will be permitted by Special Use Permit in all residential districts if all the following conditions are met:

- (1) The dwelling has no more than five (5) rental bedrooms.
- (2) The dwelling shall be the principal residence of the operator and the operator shall live in the dwelling unit while the bed and breakfast facility is in operation.
- (3) Only breakfast will be served and to overnight paying guests.
- (4) All facilities must comply with current Food and Drug Administration (FDA) codes and Michigan Food Laws.
- (5) Signage shall be limited to one (1) non-illuminated wall-mounted and not to exceed four (4) square feet in area.

These changes will be published in The St. Ignace News and take effect 7-days after publication.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Township resident Chuck Malcolm inquired into the progress for waste pick-up for the twp. Supr Durm stated he's still working on it.

Zoning Administrator Spencer stated he has issued a violation letter to Timmy Lee's Pub for excessive noise under Article 27 Noise Ordinance.

<b>TOWNSHIP BILLS:</b>	Checks 2315 thru 2356	+ EFT's =	\$	65,865.30
2315	P.J. Durm, Supr		\$	1177.72
2316	Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk		\$	819.75
2317	Susan K. Dionne, Treas		\$	894.75
2318	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp		\$	397.88

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2319	Mark A.Spencer, Zon Admr	\$	731.12
2320	Barbara Alkire, Custod	\$	46.17
2321	DSP, Inc	\$	2120.00
2322	Brian Olsen	\$	572.50
2323	Gary Smith	\$	98.00
2324	AT&T	\$	247.32
2325	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	165.97
2326	Lighthouse. Net	\$	449.00
2327	AT&T	\$	99.60
2328	Mark A. Spencer, Trustee	\$	277.05
2329	LaVerne Heuer, Trustee	\$	277.05
2330	Mark A. Spencer, Rd & Zoning	\$	148.40
2331	Shirley Kelel, Dep Assessor	\$	48.03
2332	City of St. Ignace Water Dept	\$	51.38
2333	The St. Ignace News	\$	378.45
2334	City of St. Ignace	\$	43301.33
2335	Mackinac Environmental Tech, Inc	\$	1728.00
2336	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	\$	137.50
2337	National Office Products	\$	224.99
2338	Gleaners Life Insurance Society	\$	6482.64
2339	Municipal Retirement Systems	\$	190.00
2340	Gary Smith	\$	98.00
2341	Postmaster	\$	220.00
2342	Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk	\$	145.50
2343	LaVerne Heuer, Chairman PLC	\$	138.53
2344	JoAnn Ford, Secretary PLC	\$	138.53
2345	Nikki Kryzkowski, PLC	\$	124.68
2346	Charles Malcolm, PLC	\$	124.68
2347	Ronald Cotton, PLC	\$	41.56
2348	Cloverland Elec Coop	\$	165.97
2349	ESELCO	\$	405.12
2350	Reiter's Web Design, Inc	\$	114.00
2351	Mackinac Co Chapter MTA	\$	25.00
2352	Manatron	\$	802.59
2353	DJ Goudreau, Jr. Chairman Rd Comm	\$	138.53
2354	Judy Luoma, Sec Rd Comm	\$	138.53
2355	Mark A. Spencer, Rd Comm	\$	124.68
2356	Monica Silet, Rd Comm	\$	83.12
EFT's			
	Lighthouse.net	\$	49.95
	First Nat'l Bank	\$	5.00
	IRS	\$	1716.73

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 7:10 PM DST.**

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

**DATED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

**APPROVED: OCTOBER 7, 2009**