

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 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 DST with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Trustees Spencer and Heuer.
ABSENT: NONE
GUESTS: Dept of Agriculture members John Bedford, Brenda Owen and Kevin Bryers.
CITIZENS: Michael Ayala, St. Ignace News, Chuck Malcolm, Lee Ortman and Jim Fenlon.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY:

Clerk Vallier noted a correction to the Cemetery Account – CSB/Savings should be \$22,000 not \$20,000 therefore the Grand Total would be \$1,242,196.50.

MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY, WITH CORRECTIONS, AND THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING JULY 1, 2009 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 22, 2009 AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

REPORTS RECEIVED FYI:

Letter from attorney updating Doc Holle's Silver Mountain lawsuit.
St. Ignace Fire Dept Monthly report for June.

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE:

John Bedford, Dept of Agriculture Pest Survey Field Operations Coordinator, Brenda Owen, Project Site Coordinator and Kevin Bryers, Forester gave an current update on the Emerald Ash Borer eradication/containment efforts. Also answered audience questions.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO APPOINT MORAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENT DEBORA COXE TO THE VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

AGREEMENT WITH MACKINAC COUNTY:
MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT WITH MACKINAC COUNTY:

Whereas, the Mackinac County Treasurer’s Office is purchasing BS&A Equalizer Tax Administration System Software and

Whereas, for the efficient operation of said system, and the operation of the Treasurer’s Office, all Mackinac County Townships and Cities need utilize the system;

Mackinac County Board of commissioners agrees to provide to Moran Township:

- BS&A Equalizer Tax Administration System software
- Two year tax history
- Up to \$1,000 in hardware needs

Moran Township agrees to:

- Utilize the software and hardware for the current tax collection process beginning July 1, 2010
- Adhere to the restrictions and licenses of the software provider
- Be responsible for the support/maintenance for software programs and hardware.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE:

The application to USDA is almost complete. The last issue is to get an accurate user list to Wilcox.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Treas Dionne stated she renewed the Road Fund CD with the U.P. State Credit Union.
2. Fire Dept Annual Bill TABLED Set up meeting with the City to discuss.
3. The cross at the Gros Cap Church will be installed on Thursday.
4. The flashing St. Ignace area School Signs are ready to be installed

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO PAY TWP’S SHARE OF \$4,500 FOR THE SCHOOL SIGNS.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Assessor Contract signed with DSP, Inc needs to be discussed with Assessor Richard Oliver. According to a ruling by the Chief Counsel Advisory, the IRS has taken the position that a twp assessor who certifies the roll is a public officer, and as such, must be classified as an employee, not an independent contractor, for income tax and FICA purposes. Supr Durm to set up meeting with Oliver.
2. There is Match Fund monies of \$16,000 available with the Mackinac County Road Commission (MCRC). Recommendation from Road Committee Mark Spencer is to start improvements on the west end of Boulevard – Densmore Drive.

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO START IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WEST END OF BOULEVARD-DENSMORE DRIVE WITH THE MATCH MONEY (\$16,000) AVAILABLE FROM THE MCRC.

3. In 2008 a voted recreation millage was re-approved by the voters in the amount of .25 mills. In that year the full .25 mills should have been levied. Instead the Headlee Rollback Factor (.2479) was inadvertently applied marginally, reducing the tax rate to taxpayers, less than \$60 Township-wide. This reduced millage rate was carried forward in 2009 to calculate this years Township tax rate request.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO USE THE .2479 CALCULATION FOR THE RECREATION MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2009.

4. Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer salaries be increased:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO INCREASE THE DEPUTY CLERK AND TREASURER'S SALARIES TO \$10 PER HOUR FROM \$8.

TOWNSHIP BILLS: Checks 2287 thru 2314 +EFT's = \$12,258.59

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| 2287 | P.J. Durm, Supr | \$ | 1177.72 |
| 2288 | Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk | \$ | 819.75 |
| 2289 | Susan K. Dionne, Treas | \$ | 894.75 |
| 2290 | Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp | \$ | 397.88 |
| 2291 | Mark A. Spencer, Zon Admr | \$ | 731.12 |
| 2292 | Barbara Alkire, Custod | \$ | 46.17 |
| 2293 | DSP, Inc | \$ | 2120.00 |
| 2294 | Brian Olsen | \$ | 572.50 |
| 2295 | Joann Ford, MTPLC | \$ | 22.18 |
| 2296 | Gary Smith | \$ | 98.00 |
| 2297 | Brown & Brown | \$ | 171.00 |
| 2298 | Mac Co Equalization Dept | \$ | 6.00 |
| 2299 | AT&T | \$ | 214.35 |
| 2300 | ESELCO | \$ | 20.24 |
| 2301 | AT&T | \$ | 102.77 |
| 2302 | Richard E. Mahlmeister, Auditor | \$ | 925.00 |
| 2303 | Shirley Kelel, Dep Assessor | \$ | 92.35 |
| 2304 | Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp | \$ | 171.60 |
| 2305 | Nat'l Office Products | \$ | 37.99 |
| 2306 | City of St. Ignace Water Dept | \$ | 58.25 |
| 2307 | Mark A. Spencer, Rd Comm & Zon Admr | \$ | 126.48 |
| 2308 | DSP, Inc | \$ | 6.21 |
| 2309 | The St. Ignace News | \$ | 78.76 |
| 2310 | Mark A. Spencer, Trustee | \$ | 138.53 |

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| 2311 | LaVerne Heuer, Trustee | \$ | 138.53 |
| 2312 | ESELCO | \$ | 439.23 |
| 2313 | Gary Smith | \$ | 98.00 |
| 2314 | Manatron | \$ | 990.86 |
| EFT'S | | | |
| | Lighthouse.net | \$ | 49.95 |
| | FNB | \$ | 5.00 |
| | IRS | \$ | 1507.42 |

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 7:23 PM DST.**

SIGNED: *Kristine R. Vallier*
Kristine R. Vallier

DATED: AUGUST 11, 2009