

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 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 DST with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Trustees Heuer and Spencer.  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**CITIZENS:** M.T. Road Committee Chairman D.J. Goudreau, Jr, Chuck Malcolm, Jim Fenlon, Gary Smith, Griffin Beverage Rep Mike Kamyazek and St. Ignace News Reporter Mark Tower.

**FYI INFO RECEIVED:**

1. St. Ignace Fire Dept. Report for March 2009.
2. MTA Legislative Alert on Revenue Sharing reduction.
3. Doc Holle's Silver Mountain 2008-2009 report.
4. Allied EMS Systems, Inc 2009 Township subsidy report.
5. Invoice from Brevort Lake Assoc concerning Cormorant Control Program.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2009.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**GRIFFIN BEVERAGE REQUEST:**

Griffin Beverage is requesting that the Board consider waiving or reducing the \$2,250 Moran Township tap-in water fee for his warehouse on Old Portage Trail.

**MOTION BY SPENCER SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED – ALL AYES) TO WAIVE NOR REDUCE NONE OF THE FEES FOR WATER TAP-IN.**

**EXISTING GRAVEL PITS:**

Letter from Twp Attorney Evashevski states: Pursuant to M.T. zoning ordinance, sand and gravel pits (extractive uses) are allowed as a special use in some zoning districts. The special use requirements involve a number of filings and other information provided by the land owners which are relatively new. Approximately one year ago, the twp issued special use permits to the owners of existing pits, and the owners were advised that they needed to provide additional information within a certain period of time to be consistent with the requirements of such a special use permit. To date, only one of the owners has provided the information and paid the requisite fee. One other owner has advised in writing that they refuse to do so. All other owners have simply said and done nothing. Atty Evashevski wrote on June 10, 2008 that existing pits must be allowed to continue as non-conforming uses.

There is case law which allows the pit to be increased in depth and area provided no virgin areas are exploited. We could test it in court but a favorable outcome is not likely. Therefore, attempt to document the area and depth of each existing pit so that we have a benchmark for future continuation/expansion. Pursuing litigation is not recommended. Zoning Admr Mark Spencer would like to make a recommendation that existing Gravel Pits (8- in the township) be grandfathered in as of 2004. As long as owner stays in the parent parcel no permit is required. If owner goes into another parcel the Township would require a "SPECIAL USE PERMIT" and a fee of \$150 per year. Zoning Admr Spencer visits the existing gravel pits at least once a year, as well as the Assessor.

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) EXISTING GRAVEL PIT PARENT PARCELS (AS OF 2004) BE GRANDFATHERED IN FROM APPLYING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND FEE OF \$150 A YEAR.**

**OPENING OF GRASS MOWING BIDS FOR THE WESTERN CEMETERY – BREVORT:**

- 1. Brian Olsen \$1,190
- 2. Gary Smith \$98 per mowing.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE BID OF GARY SMITH FOR \$98 PER MOWING.**

**OPENING OF GROS CAP CHURCH PAINTING AND REPAIRS:**

- 1. Grover Painting \$257,000.00
- 2. Sayles Builders \$11,790.00

**ALL PAINTING BIDS REJECTED. MATTER TABLED.**

**REPAIR BIDS:**

- 1. Sayles Builders \$4,450.00

Replacement of approx 400 sq ft of cedar siding, mostly on steeple and front of building. Includes proper dumping of debris. Any window or door repair is extra.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE BID OF SAYLES BUILDERS FOR \$4,450 FOR REPAIRS TO THE GROS CAP CHURCH.**

**REVIEW NOISE ORDINANCE:**

TABLED. Trustee Spencer would like a letter from Mackinac Co Sheriff stating that their office is willing to measure the noise, when a complaint is received. Also would like Twp Attorney Evashevski to review the final ordinance.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP:**

The annual Spring Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009. A dumpster will be at the Twp hall and one located in Brevort at the Mark Spencer residence.

**HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION PROGRAM:**

The twp received a “NOTICE OF INTENT” to release funds for single-family home rehabilitation from Mackinac Co Clerk’s Office. If we wish to object to the expenditure of these funds we must do so by May 8, 2009. NO OBJECTIONS.

**INVOICE:**

1. Lange Enterprises, Inc \$1,003.62

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO PAY LANGE ENTERPRISES, INC INVOICE FOR \$1,003.62 MONIES TO COME FROM ROAD FUND.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Recommendation from the Planning Commission to make the following changes to the Master Plan and the Recreation Plan.

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS:**

**MASTER PLAN**

To delete sentence from Chapter 5 – Page 4 – Goal #5 – “Allow only lot sizes greater than 5-acres to occur outside of the municipal water and sewer service areas. Parcels with an ample open space should maintain long-term, sustainable on-site utilities.”

**RECREATION PLAN**

1. Father Marquette Park
  - a. Develop a Pedestrian Bridge to link this park with the Straits State Park, St. Ignace Welcome Center and the North Huron Scenic Pathway Bicycle Route.
  - b. Rebuild the Father Marquette Museum and expand it to include a history of the cultures, trading practices and forms of transportation that made this region a center of commerce.
  
2. Voyageurs Trail Bicycle Route
  - a. Develop the Voyageurs Trail Bicycle Route from the Father Marquette and Bridgeview Parks west along the north shore of Lake Michigan to the Moran Township Fishing Heritage Park and the NIIWIN ENDAASIN (Four Winds) Disc Golf Course. This route would follow Boulevard Drive, Pte. LaBarbe Road, US-2, Gros Cap Road and Cheeseman Road.
  - b. Future improvements will include: a route down Cheeseman Road back to St. Ignace and a route extending further west of US-2.

3. Doc Holle’s Winter Recreation Park
  - a. To change the facilities name to “Doc Holle’s Silver Mountain Recreation Park”.
  - b. This facility also provides “Disc Golf” in the summer months.

Number 1 & 2 are additions to Moran Township’s Capital Improvement Schedule predicted for 2011.

**TOWNSHIP BILLS:** Checks 2192 thru 2220 + EFT’s = \$24,075.25

2192	P.J. Durm, Supr	\$1171.23
2193	K. Vallier, Clerk	814.02
2194	S. Dionne, Treas	889.02
2195	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	395.78
2196	M.A. Spencer, Zon Admr	731.12
2197	B. Alkire, Custod	46.17
2198	DSP, Inc	2120.00
2199	AT&T	\$ 100.50
2200	Allied EMS Systems	6901.20
2201	AT&T	199.10
2202	M.A. Spencer, Trustee	138.53
2203	L. Heuer, Trustee	138.53
2204	Christal Marshall, Election Chair	160.00
2205	Patti Becker, Elec Insp	140.00
2206	Kristine Vallier, Elec Insp	129.29
2207	Mackinac Co Equalization Dept	3798.00
2208	Apex Software	872.00
2209	City of St. Ignace Water Dept	51.38
2210	The St. Ignace News	205.64
2211	National Office Prod	3.79
2212	M.A. Spencer	282.90
2213	ESELCO	633.95
2214	Cloverland Elec Coop	165.97
2215	GBS Inc	280.00
2216	Kristine R. Vallier	156.31
2217	Mackinac Plumbing & Heating Co	50.00
2218	International Code Council	47.00
2219	Gary Revord	160.00
2220	Brown & Brown	1729.00
 EFT’s		
	Lighthouse. Net	49.95
	First Nat’l Bank	5.00
	IRS	1509.87

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2009**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM DST.**

**SIGNED:**

**Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk**

**DATED: May 3, 2009**

**APPROVED: JUNE 3, 2009**