

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 4, 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 EST with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Trustees Spencer and Heuer.  
ABSENT: NONE  
CITIZENS: Lee Ortman and Jim Fenlon  
GUESTS: Richard Oliver, Assessor and John Eppley The St. Ignace News Reporter.

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

St. Ignace Fire Department Final Report for 2008.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE JANUARY 7, 2009 MEETING.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

DSP, Inc. employee Cynthia A. Oliver, Assessor of record for Moran Township, submitted her resignation. Mrs. Oliver has accepted a position as the Deputy Treasurer of Mackinac County beginning January 26, 2009. The new assessor of record, for Moran Township will be Richard Oliver, owner of DSP, Inc. which is the contracted Assessor for Moran Township.

**MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW:**

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO CHANGE THE MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW TO TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009 FROM 9AM TO 3PM. THE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE:**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009 FROM 9am to 3 pm  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009 FROM 3pm to 9 pm**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST:**

*WHEREAS*, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Property Tax Act; and

*WHEREAS*, the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Moran Township, Mackinac County, adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor and Board of Review to implement.

The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year.

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the Supervisor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6) Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Vallier and supported by Board Member Spencer.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted AYE: Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Trustees Spencer and Heuer.  
NAY: NONE

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

*Kristine R. Vallier*

Clerk

I, Kristine R. Vallier, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Moran Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said board on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

*Kristine R. Vallier*

Clerk

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF 2009-2010 BUDGET**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Treas Dionne informed the Board that the Road C.D. (\$364,219.82) with U.P. State Credit Union is due to expire. Should she renew it for 6 months or a year?  
The Board suggested for 6 months, just in case the money is needed for a road project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Treas Dionne was approached by David Haynes, N1339 Gros Cap Road concerning issues with his neighbors, Lehto's Pastie Shop. Mr. Haynes states that a well that Lehto's are using is located on his property. Supr Durm stated Mr. Haynes was in the office the summer of 2008 with the same issues and he referred him to the Health Department. Mr. Haynes also states that Lehto's are dumping their potato peelings into a make shift septic. This could possibly be a township blight issue. Supr Durm will check on. It appears that the issues with Mr Haynes and his neighbors (Lehto's) is a civil issue.

**TOWNSHIP BILLS:** Checks 2095 thru 2115 + EFT's = \$11,357.77

2095	Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center	\$ 895.98
2096	P.J. Durm, Supr	1165.46
2097	Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk	814.02
2098	Susan K. Dionne, Treas	914.02
2099	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	395.78
2100	Mark A. Spencer, Zon Admr	731.10
2101	Barbara Alkire, Custod	46.17
2102	DSP, Inc	2000.00
2103	City of St. Ignace Water Dept	51.38
2104	AT&T	217.81

2105	Brown and Brown	3.00
2106	The St. Ignace News	56.88
2107	AT&T	93.73
2108	LaVerne Heuer, Trustee	138.53
2109	Mark A. Spencer, Trustee	138.53
2110	Mark S. Spencer, Rd Comm	45.00
2111	ESELCO	1126.72
2112	Mark A. Spencer, Trustee	372.70
2113	National Office Prod	170.77
2114	Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk	214.75
2115	B&B Snowplowing	247.50

**EFT'S**

Lighthouse.net	49.95
First National Bank	5.00
IRS	1462.99

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM EST.**

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

**DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

**APPROVED: MARCH 4, 2009**