

MORAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008 - 10:00 AM

**PURPOSE:** To discuss with Township Attorney Evashevski the stipulation offered by Enbridge Energy to settle their Personal Property Tax Appeal.

Supr Durm called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Trustees Spencer and Heuer.

**ABSENT:** NONE

**GUESTS:** Moran Twp Attorney Evashevski, Moran Twp Assessor's Cynthia and Dick Oliver and Moran Township School President Janice O'Boyle.

Enbridge Energy filed a tax appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal almost 5 years ago contesting the schedule used in assessing their personal property. A suit filed by Wakeshma Township, and backed by several other townships, was settled between Wakeshma attorneys and Enbridge Energy attorneys. The settlement was then offered to the townships involved. Out of 124 townships, 101 agreed to the settlement. The Enbridge Energy case has **not** went before the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Attorney Evashevski recommended the township settle also. Attorney Evashevski will request a final order from Enbridge attorneys.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO SETTLE WITH THE ENBRIDGE ENERGY TAX APPEAL.**

**MACKINAC STRAITS HOSPITAL LETTER OF SUPPORT:**

Clerk Vallier received a phone call from Shannon Doran, Secretary for the Mackinac Straits Hospital requesting a letter of support for the congressional approval of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians May 2005 deed gift of the new site for the Mackinac Straits Hospital. Moran Township has been a member of the Mackinac Straits Hospital Authority since 1954.

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE MACKINAC STRAITS HOSPITAL TO FORWARD ON TO THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2005 DEED GIFT FROM THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS.**

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Trustee Spencer informed the Board of a meeting he attended with the Mackinac County Road Commission for the Federal Funding schedule for 2008-2009 road projects.

Trustee Spencer also stated he has received the final billing for the black-topping project on Pte. LaBarbe Road. The project bill came in around 24% under budget, meaning \$520,000 instead of estimate \$660,000. These bills need to be reviewed by *the Moran Township Road Committee before being paid. (this sentence was mistakenly omitted from the paragraph. Corrected per MT Board of Trustees meeting 02-06-2008.)*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:20 AM EST.**

**SIGNED:**

*Kristine R. Vallier*  
**Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk**

**DATED: 01-18-2008**

Approved 02-06-2008