

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, MI 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

GUESTS: St. Ignace News reporter Paul Gingras.

CITIZENS: Lee Ortman and Chuck Malcolm.

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

1. St. Ignace Fire Dept monthly fire report for August 2007.
2. M.T. 2007 Building Permits to date.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2007 MEETING.**

**CUT RIVER DETOUR:**

The Cut River bridge has been scheduled to have a new bridge deck and approaches. The approximate project duration will run from May to August of 2008. Many meetings were held between the Mackinac County Road Commission (MCRC) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) discussing improvements to the Cut River Road and Prater Boulevard, roads to be used as a detour route during the project. Improvements to the road due to increased traffic and wear on the roadways were discussed. The improvements will be at no cost to MCRC. During use as a detour route, the roads described above will be maintained by the prime contractor selected for the bridge project. Trustee Heuer questioned the bridge on the Cut River Road as being safe for the heavy trucks that will be using the detour. Trustee Spencer (attended the MDOT and MCRC meetings concerning Cut River Bridge Construction) stated the bridge will support the traffic of heavy vehicles, the bridge was inspected in 2006. Supr Durm to discuss M.T. approval with MCRC Engineer Carrie Abbitt.

**CHARLES AND GAYLE LAMOREAUX REQUEST:**

Charles and Gayle Lamoreaux are requesting unclaimed land between the end of Beech Street and their property (66 feet wide by 47 feet deep) located in Pte. Aux Chenes subdivision, be deeded to them. Trustee Spencer states the verification of deeded right-of-way to "Outlot B, Supervisor's Plat #2 of Pointe Aux Chene needs to be verified before this can be deeded to Lamoreaux's. MATTER TABLED.

**DAN BERTOLINI REQUEST:**

Mr. Bertolini is considering putting a water line extension to his property east of the Moran River. He is requesting that Moran Township contribute the \$1,494 assessment paid by his neighbor Mark Menard to extend the water line across Menard's property in 2003. Moran Township requires that municipal water lines be extended the full width of properties served. In the case of Menard, this was not done in 2003 since the line was extended only as far as federal funding (EDA) would take it. Menard was assessed his full share of the cost of extending the water line across his property (Menard has paid his full assessment). Bertolini is requesting that Menard's assessment of \$1,494 be applied to his proposed water line extension. Bertolini's estimated cost for 310 feet of 12 inch main is \$23,000, paid fully by him.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO GRANT DAN BERTOLINI \$1,494, MONEY TO COME FROM WATER FUND.**

Bertolini has also agreed to pay all expenses concerning the water line extension. A bill from R&S Scott Engineering Associates for engineering work for the extension in the amount of \$434 has been received by the Twp.

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO DEDUCT THE \$434 FROM BERTOLINI'S PAYMENT OF \$1,494. BERTOLINI WILL RECEIVE A CHECK FOR \$1,060. MONIES TO COME FROM WATER FUND.**

**APPROVE AMENDMENT FOR ORDINANCE 23-WATER SYSTEM:**

Supr Durm is requesting the commodity charge of 50 cents (which was approved March 28, 2007) be added to the Water System Ordinance. After discussion with Twp Attorney Tom Evashevski, Supr Durm states there are other changes needed to Ordinance 23. MATTER TABLED.

Trustee Spencer states a new Water System Ordinance should be written. Board agreed. Supr Durm to discuss changes needed with Twp Attorney Evashevski and draw up a new ordinance. MATTER TABLED UNTIL NOVEMBER 2007 REGULAR MEETING.

**MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION NOTICE:**

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has received an application from Upper Peninsula Fuels, requesting transfer of ownership 2007 Specially Designated Merchant licensed to a business located at 900 W. US 2 (Shell Gas Station), St. Ignace, Moran Township, Michigan. The commission notifies local governing bodies to respond within 15 days of receipt of letter if the applicant location is not in compliance with all appropriate state and local building, plumbing, zoning, fire, sanitation and health laws and ordinances, or if the applicant is considered ineligible due to other factors. NO ACTION NEEDED, BUSINESS IS IN FULL COMPLIANCE.

**EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EUPRPDC):**

The EUPRPDC has been notified that the Technical Assistance Funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is being terminated at the end of the 2007 calendar year. The EUPRPDC is requesting a letter of support by contacting

our legislative offices to express the need in our local communities for EUPRPDC support in economic development. The EUPRPDC was very helpful in obtaining the EDC Grant for the US-2 Water Project.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO SEND LETTERS OF SUPPORT OF THE EUPRPDC TO LOCAL LEGISLATORS.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Trustee Spencer states the “Flashing School Speed Limit Signs” are finally in. The first signs received were the wrong ones. States the signs should be installed soon, the MCRC is waiting for the electrical contractor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Estimate from H & D Paving, Inc. for overlayment to the M.T. parking lot was received the estimate was \$11,466. TOO COSTLY. Twp to look into repairing cracks and seal coating next summer.

2. Letter received from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) concerning MDOT’s application for a permit for special exception to remove approx 5,150 cubic yards of sand from areas adjacent to US-2 within the regulated critical dune area for safety improvements. DEQ is required to forward copies of all applications for special exception to the local unit of government having jurisdiction over the proposed location for review and comment (Sand Dune Protection and Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994, P.A. 451). If the local unit of government waives its opportunity to review the application, or fails to act as authorized in this section within 60 days, the local unit of government also waives its opportunity to oppose the decision by the Department to issue a special exception. Twp board members reviewed the areas in question. Trustee Spencer and Trustee Heuer state the area around the ~~Moran~~ Brevort River to be ditched, is not necessary. They have never seen sand drifts on the road in this area. The Trustees are opposed to the ditching around Brevort ~~Moran~~ Brevort River, all other areas along the Dunes (US-2) deemed necessary. Board members agree. Supr Durm to draft a letter to the DEQ.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) SUPR DURM TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE DEQ STATING THE OPPOSITION OF DITCHING ALONG THE MORAN RIVER, AND APPROVAL OF THE OTHER AREAS OF DITCHING IN THE DUNES AREA ALONG US-2.**

3. The following Resolution of Support for the Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission, Solid Waste Management Plan:

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**



1553	LaVerne Heuer, Trustee	78.50
1554	Mark A. Spencer, Trustee	78.50
1555	Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk	72.25
1556	MTA	60.00
1557	Mackinac Co Chapter of MTA	25.00
1558	The St. Ignace News	418.66
1559	City of St. Ignace Water Dept	112.02
1560	ESELCO	440.17
1561	Manatron	703.00
1562	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	172.66
1563	B&B Lawn Care	440.00
1564	Brown & Brown	353.00

**EFT**

IRS	1425.54
Lighthouse.net	49.95

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 6:40 PM DST.**

**SIGNED:**

*Kristine R. Vallier* DATED: 10-05-2007  
Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

APPROVED: 11-07-2007