

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at the Old Schoolhouse, W3695 Lovegrove Road, Ozark, 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 Heuer and Spencer.
ABSENT: NONE
GUESTS: Paul Gingras, St. Ignace News Reporter, Hendricks Township Fire Department representatives: Fire Chief Al Dyer, Assistant Fire Chief Richard Smith, Hendricks Twp Board members, Supervisor Bob Konle, and Trustees Jack Rutledge and Russ Nelson, Moran Twp Assessors Richard and Cynthia Oliver
CITIZENS: NINE

MINUTES:

MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 2, 2007 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 2007.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

1. Building Permits to date (2007 – 14 permits).
2. St. Ignace Fire Dept Monthly report for April 2007

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

HENDRICKS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Supervisor Bob Konle, Trustees Jack Rutledge and Russ Nelson, Fire Chief Al Dyer and Assistant Fire Chief Richard Smith were present regarding funding for the Hendricks Township Fire Department. Moran Twp Trustee Mark Spencer stated the residents of the city of Brevort would like the Hendricks Township Fire Department to be their first responders. Moran Twp residents in Brevort to the Twp line at Cut River, are closer to Hendricks Fire Dept (approx 8 miles) than St. Ignace Fire Dept (approx 25 miles). At this time, with Moran Twp new 911 numbering system, this would be more feasible to do. This will take some time to do with the 911 system so Trustee Spencer suggested we appropriate a monetary amount for this year and renegotiate next year. The Moran Twp Board, up until 1998, appropriated yearly monies to Hendricks Twp Fire Department for their responses to fires in the surrounding city of Brevort. Hendricks Twp has built their Fire Dept to 12 volunteers and also have 2 state certified EMT's on their ambulance corp, stated Fire Chief Al Dyer (Fire Chief since 1985). Hendricks Twp Fire Dept has a Mutual Aid Agreement with the St. Ignace Fire Dept. Trustee Spencer also suggested a monetary amount be appropriated to the Brevort Fire Dept, as they respond to fires in the Ozark area of Moran Twp.

Trustee Spencer suggested the Board sign an agreement with Hendricks and Brevort Township for a one year period. Trustee Spencer, Fire Chief Dyer and 911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy will get together to set up the boundaries in the 911 system.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO APPROPRIATE \$5,000 TO HENDRICKS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND \$3,000 TO THE BREVORT TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A SIGNED ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR FIRE ASSISTANCE.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Supr Durm attended an Ambulance Committee meeting on May 9, 2007. An Activity Summary for the month of October to December 2006 and January to April 2007 stated revenue generated over this period was approx \$30,000 from what was originally projected.

ASSESSOR PROPOSAL:

DSP Inc, Richard and Cynthia Oliver, contracted Assessor for Moran Twp is requesting an addition to their current contract. After working with the current card system and the process of entering the property record cards and info into the BS&A Assessing system they have discovered that doing the cards by hand and by computer, does not match. They must now develop a code system for all the various types of land. The current way it is done is too variable for the computer program to work. To perform the functions the computer program is designed to do, Oliver must develop a code system that will classify all the various land types and then break the township into different neighborhoods. Assessor Oliver is asking to add \$500 per month for a 10-month period that will enable them to bring in a state certified person to assist developing the correct code and neighborhood system for the computer program. Using their best judgment in estimating the 10-month period to finish the project and asked that if necessary to look at this again if they are not finished in the 10-month period. If finished and they get the system up and operating fully before the 10-months, DSP Inc. will request that any monies yet unpaid be stopped and the contract amendment end.

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO ADD TO DSP, INC CONTRACT AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000, FOR AN ASSISTANT, TO THE ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET FOR 2007-2008.

DISC GOLF:

Steve DuFresne is requesting payment for up to 10 gallons of gas per week for mowing and maintenance on the Disc Golf Course located at Doc Holle's Silver Mountain property. Clerk Vallier stated she was against any monies coming out of the Moran Twp Recreation Fund for the Disc Golf Course as there is still no signed agreement as to the responsibilities of the Disc Golf Course. The Disc Golf Recreation Account has money in the account, and if Mr. DuFresne submits invoices, this can be paid out of the Disc Golf account, but no money should come out of the Moran Twp Recreation account until a signed agreement has been reached.

MATTER TABLED

HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION:

Cheryl Schlehber, member of the Heritage Committee and Darryl Brown Independent Marketer for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians were present to propose a special events titled "Heritage Celebration ~ Rendezvous at the Straits". The St. Ignace Action Council and Special Events Committee is comprised of representatives from business, government, local organizations, and county residents. These two groups are working together to identify new methods of economic development through the preservation of our regional history and assisting in the successful development of special events projects. Moran Township can play a vital role in helping to enhance the historical narrative of the Mackinac Straits. The Father Marquette Memorial and New France Discovery Center are situated in Moran Township adjacent to I-75, on the west side and north bound of the Mackinac Bridge. The St. Ignace Action council would like to increase the use of this public land as a resource to help encourage the development of events with a significant historical attachment to our local area. One such event would be the promotion of an American Indian celebration.

Moran Twp could play host to the "Heritage Celebration". This event would also include a French Rendezvous encampment with a straits area powwow and other types of cultural entertainment. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has offered 2% monies to this committee to get the celebration established. The funds must be contributed to a government agency before they can be given to the Heritage Committee. The committee is requesting Moran Township to apply, on behalf of the Heritage Committee, for the 2% monies offered by the Soo Tribe. Treas Dionne stated a formal agreement with the Heritage Committee should be established first. Treas Dionne to check on wording for such an agreement.

The committee would request \$25,000, a proposed budget was presented. Mr. Brown stated the monies will be used for to hire a grant writer and marketing the celebration.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO OBTAIN AND SIGN A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE AND THEN APPLY FOR \$25,000 FROM THE 2% GRANT MONIES AVAILABLE WITH THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS.

PTE. LABARBE ROAD PROJECT:

The Moran Township Board of Trustees should decide how they wish to finance the Pte. LaBarbe Road Project states Supr Durm. Moran Twp's estimated cost for the Pte. LaBarbe Road Project is \$475,750.00. Funds in the Road Account as of this date is \$636,470.08. Trustee Spencer, also a member of the M.T. Road Committee, states we shouldn't spend all the money in the Road Account, on one project. The Road Committee would like to see a maintained balance of \$200,000 to use for any emergencies that should arise. Trustee Spencer's recommendation would be to finance \$325,000 for a 5-6 year period. The payment would roughly be \$70,000 per year. Supr Durm has talked with a Miller-Canfield bond company agent, Don Kiem, and his office will help in preparing a resolution for the approval of our Board if they wish to bond a portion of this project.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO PROCEED WITH THE BONDING PREPARATION FOR THE PTE. LABARBE ROAD PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,000.

RESCINDING OF MOTION:

Clerk Vallier stated she would like to rescind her motion on the bonding preparation for the Pte. LaBarbe Road Project. Clerk Vallier states she is a resident on Pte.LaBarbe Road and feels this would be a conflict of interest. A new motion was made:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED ~ VALLIER OBSTAINED) TO PROCEED WITH THE BONDING PREPARATION FOR THE PTE. LABARBE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,000.

MORAN TOWNSHIP WEB DESIGN PROPOSAL:

Trustee Spencer states he has tried to put the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance on the Moran Township Web site. After talking with Craig of Reiters Web, designer of M.T. web, his analysis is the computer does not have enough memory to put this in a PDF form. Reiter will establish a PDF file for the MT web site for a cost of \$75 and put the PDF file on the web site.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO PAY REITER’S WEB DESIGN \$75 TO ESTABLISH A PDF FILE OF THE MASTER PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCES FOR THE MORAN TOWNSHIP WEB.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO RE-APPOINT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBERS FOR A 3-YEAR TERM ~ TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2010

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| PLANNING COMMISSION: | LAVERNE (LONNIE) HEUER
CHARLES LAMOREAUX |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: | LAVERNE (LONNIE) HEUER
ALBERT FELIKSA |

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DOBSON CELL TOWER APPROVAL:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT GRANTED TO DOBSON CELL TOWER BY THE M.T. PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CELL TOWER ON THE MARK SPENCER, SR. PROPERTY LOCATED ON WORTH ROAD, MORAN, MI.

Clerk Vallier stated a surety bond of \$20,000 has been received by the Township from Dobson Cell Tower Company.

2. SPRING CLEAN-UP AMENDMENT TO BUDGET:

Spring Clean-up held on Saturday, May 19, 2007. Budgeted \$4000.00, Total cost \$4,010.62

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO AMEND SPRING CLEAN-UP BUDGET BY \$10.62, FOR A TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT OF \$4,010.62.

3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLISHING:

Clerk Vallier informed the Board that the ZBA publishing's for the first 3-hearings of 2007/2008 are averaging \$70 to \$75 per printing. Budgeted for this amount in the ZBA Budget is only \$300. Trustee Spencer suggested the ZBA Variance Hearing amount be adjusted, as this dollar amount, \$300 is to include the printing.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO INCREASE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS VARIANCE HEARING TO \$325.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Road Committee member Spencer informed residents of Ozark present at the meeting, FYI gravel is going to be applied to 28 Mile Road and Koski Road this summer by the Mackinac County Road Commission.
2. Clerk Vallier was asked by a Moran Twp resident about putting the garbage pick-up on the property tax bill. Board's response was it would not be feasible, all residents do not participate in the service. Clerk Vallier to inform resident who requested this service.
3. Mackinac Bridge Authority is requesting approval for a Fireworks Permit, to be held on July 28, 2007, for the 50th Year Anniversary Celebration. The public display will be put on by Wolverine Fireworks Display. The application permit submitted has obtained a bond of \$5,000,000 from Lloyds of London.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY APPLICATION BY THE MACKINAC BRIDGE COMMITTEE AND WOLVERINE FIREWORKS DISPLAY COMPANY, FOR JULY 28, 2007.

4. A revised project funding policy for bituminous surface, by the Mackinac County Road Commission (MCRC) was received. The MCRC now states projects that include bituminous surfacing and an estimated total project cost in an excess of \$70,000, will require a 50% deposit of the project cost from the participating parties for the local share to be paid to the MCRC prior to the start of the project construction. This deposit pertains only to local road projects, not state or federal funded projects.

5. Judy Luoma a member of the Moran Twp Road Committee was present to bring attention to the Board concerning a project on Spruce Street in the Pte. Aux Chene subdivision.

Moran Twp has contracted with the MCRC to do a 40 foot turn around on Spruce Street along with bituminous resurfacing, wedging, drainage improvements, brushing aggregate shoulders and restoration for an estimated agreement of \$175,000 (Moran Twp cost). Ms. Luoma (a resident of Spruce Street) stated Kelso, Mackinac County Road Commission (MCRC) Engineer, informed her this is not big enough, and has made an agreement with a resident to back the plows into his drive-way, and has negotiated a fee for this. The agreement was made by the MCRC, not Moran Twp. Trustee Spencer said they ordinarily want 66 feet to make turn arounds. But Spruce Street does not have this much room.

Ms. Luoma states this was not part of the project submitted by MCRC, but this agreement, to back into a private drive, (if made) was not with Moran Twp. Ms. Luoma also states submitted project agreements with the MCRC are not detailed enough. Trustee Spencer states a meeting with the other Mackinac Co Twps and the MCRC, has been scheduled later in June, concerning the issue of not enough information on proposed project estimates. Road Committee member Spencer stated he was aware of this problem and has talked with Manager Kelso concerning this matter. **MATTER TABLED**

6. Clerk Vallier informed the Board of a Summer Zoning Workshop being held in Gaylord, July 24 in the evening. Zoning Administrator Spencer plans to attend. Clerk Vallier to send info to the PLC and ZBA members to see if anyone else is interested in attending.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR THE PROPOSED STORAGE BUILDING FOR M.T.:

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| 1. St. Antoine Construction | \$19,294.00 |
| 2. Weiss Builders | \$28,556.00 |
| 3. Whiskey River Inc. | \$19,819.00 |

Matter tabled until Supr Durm can go over the submitted bids with Building Inspector Bob Bishop. A Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2007 at 11 AM to award the bid.

TOWNSHIP BILLS: Checks 1385 thru 1432 = ~~\$19,076.97~~—\$19,698.78

1385	P.J. Durm, Supr	\$1131.15
1386	Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk	779.37
1387	Susan K. Dionne, Treas	879.37
1388	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	395.78
1389	Mark A. Spencer, Zon Admr	731.10
1390	Barbara Alkire, Custod	46.17
1391	DSP, Inc	2000.00
1392	Mackinac Plumbing & Heating Co	50.00
1393	AT&T	196.01
1394	Michigan Twp Assoc	1312.34
1395	Cloverland Elec Coop	151.70
1396	AT&T	76.54

1397	Fidlar Companies	280.00
1398	Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk	143.85
1399	Mark A. Spencer, Trustee	157.00
1400	LaVerne Heuer, Trustee	157.00
1401	P.J. Durm, Supr	404.78
1402	Mark A. Spencer, Rd Comm	86.23
1403	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	242.01
1404	Mark A. Spencer, Zon Admr	30.10
1405	The St. Ignace News	319.40
1406	Mark A. Spencer, Trustee	134.24
1407	National Office Prods	75.86
1408	Manistique Rentals, Inc	3848.75
1409	BS&A Software	195.00
1410	B&B Lawn Care	440.00
1411	DSP, Inc	500.00
1412	ESELCO	503.58
1413	City of St. Ignace Water Dept	51.38
1414	Accident Fund Co	1071.00
1415	Northern Market	75.00
1416	Williams Office Equip	96.95
1417	VOID	
1418	VOID	
1419	Richard Mahlmeister, CPA	775.00
1420	VOID	
1421	LaVerne Heuer, PLC & ZBA	217.03
1422	Suzy Hartley, PLC	138.53
1423	Charles Lamoreaux, PLC	83.12
1424	Joann Ford, PLC	124.68
1425	Charles Malcolm, PLC	124.68
1426	Sean O'Boyle, PLC & ZBA	277.06
1427	Albert Feliksa, ZBA	124.68
1428	George Ford, ZBA	124.68
1429	Joel Scheffer, ZBA	124.68
1430	Syscom Service Petoskey	75.00
1431	AT&T	104.51
1432	AT&T	221.66
1443	<i>U.S. Postmaster</i>	<i>621.81</i>

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Lighthouse.net	\$ 49.95
IRS	\$1673.43

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM DST.**

SIGNED:

Kristine R. Vallier
Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

DATED: 06-14-2007

Approved 07-05-2007