

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 4, 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 Spencer and Heuer.

ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: St. Ignace News Reporter Paul Gingras

CITIZENS: Lee Ortman, Chuck Malcolm, Jim Miller and Paul Krause.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

1. St. Ignace Fire Dept report for the month of February 2007.

NO TREASURER'S REPORT

MINUTES:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE MARCH 7, 2007 REGULAR MEETING.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Citizen Paul Krause was present to object about the fire hydrant fee charge to property owners, with buildings, on the municipal water system. Mr. Krause has been against the installation of the US-2 water project from the beginning (US-2 water installed in 2003). Mr. Krause stated he did not want the water, nor the fire hydrant, on his property (Mackinac Ford Sales), he wants the fire hydrant removed. Mr. Krause stated he will not pay the \$3.50 per month charge adopted at the Special Meeting held 03-28-2007. After further discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO REMOVE THE \$3.50 CHARGE PER MONTH FEE FOR FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE, ADOPTED ON 03-28-2007. THE \$10,000 CHARGE FOR FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE WILL BE ADDED BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET UNDER FIRE PROTECTION.

While under the US-2 Water Project, citizen Charles (Chuck) Malcolm stated he paid hook-up fees to the Township and the City of St. Ignace in September 2003. It was Mr. Malcolm's understanding that some of these fees were waived, if connected by December 31, 2003. Supr Durm to check into this matter.

BREVORT LAKE ASSOCIATION AND STRAITS AREASPORTMAN'S CLUB REQUEST:

Mr. Jim Miller, President of the Brevort Lake Association and member of the Straits Area Sportman's Club, was present to request funds for the cormorant control on Brevort Lake. Mr. Miller reported in 2005 the elimination of 667 cormorant birds and in 2006 only half of the birds returned and the elimination was 336.

The fish population has returned to Brevort Lake through this elimination. Mr. Miller is requesting funds for the 2007 year.

MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO APPROPRIATE \$1,000 TO THE CORMORANT CONTROL PROJECT ON BREVORT LAKE.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION INSPECTORS:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE MAY 8, 2007 ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

**KATHY STEPHAN, CHAIRPERSON
CHRISTAL MARSHALL, INSPECTOR
SUZY HARTLEY, ALTERNATE
PATTI BECKER, ALTERNATE**

MORAN TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEAN-UP:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO SET UP SPRING CLEAN-UP FOR SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007.

REQUEST FOR TWP HALL RENTAL:

A request from Michelle Walk, Mackinac County Extension Office, for rental of Twp Hall. After discussion it was unanimously agreed not to rent out the Twp Hall.

2007 MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 4 MEETING:

Clerk Vallier informed the Board that the MTA Spring District 4 meeting is going to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at the Cisler Center at LSSU, in Sault Ste. Marie. All Board members are interested in attending. Clerk Vallier to send in registration.

APPROVE CAMERA FOR ASSESSORS OFFICE:

Clerk Vallier informed the Board that the Digital Camera and printer requested by the Assessor's office was already in the 2007-2008 proposed budget.

NEW TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

Supr Durm suggested the Township hire a new attorney. Attorney Harry Golski has not been fulfilling requests. Auditor Richard Mahlmeister has been waiting since August 2006 for a letter from Attorney Golski, and Supr Durm has numerous times requested information on a Tax Tribunal case, with no response. Treas Dionne stated that J. Stuart Spencer of Cedarville was interested in serving the Township. Supr Durm to contact Mr. Spencer and report back at the May meeting. Attorney Tom Evashevski was suggested, but Mr. Evashevski owns considerable property in the Township and conflict of interest might occur.

TOWNSHIP POLICY HANDBOOK:

Discussion of adopting a Township Policy Handbook for Township employees was discussed. Trustee Spencer and Clerk Vallier to work on putting one together and report back at the May meeting with a suggestion.

ADOPTING THE STATE TAX COMMISSION POVERTY GUIDELINES:

At the request of Assessor Cynthia Oliver the Board approved the following:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO ADOPT THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINATION OF POVERTY PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS.

NEW CABLE FRANCHISE LAW:

Trustee Spencer attended a seminar on Cable Franchising. The new law has eliminated township control. At the suggestion of the speaker at the seminar, each entity should draft a Cable Franchise Bill Ordinance to protect the township right-of-way's. Moran Township has one Cable Franchise Bill with Charter Communications which does not expire until 2015. A Cable Franchise Bill Ordinance will be looked into.

UPDATE ON TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE:

Supr Durm attended a Tri-County (Mackinac, Chippewa and Luce) Solid Waste meeting on March 20, 2007. The composition of the Board has changed with a number of new appointments. The Board proposed the addition of the Presque Isle Landfill in Onaway. This, however, is only the first step in incorporating this change into the Solid Waste Plan. The proposed amendment must get 67% approval in each county to be added.

AMENDMENTS TO 2006-2007 LINE ITEM BUDGET:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO AMEND THE 2006-2007 LINE ITEM BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:

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| TOWNSHIP BOARD: | 775-REPAIR & MAINT | INCREASE \$39.50 |
| | 860-MILEAGE & MTGS | INCREASE \$798.43 |
| BOARD OF REVIEW: | 900-PUBLISHING | INCREASE \$119.18 |
| TREASURER: | 801-TAX NOTICES | INCREASE \$1135.70 |

BUILDING INSPECTOR 852-RETIREMENT INCREASE \$30

PLANNING COMMISSION

801-CONTRACTED SERVICES INCREASE \$2652

900-PRINTING INCREASE \$123.95

2007-2008 BUDGET HEARING:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO OPEN THE PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE 2007-2008 BUDGET AT 7:05 PM DST:

Discussion of the 2007-2008 budget occurred. The main question presented by Clerk Vallier was the Line Item Budget used in the past. This Line Item presents multiple amendments when a Line Item is over-spent, though still being under budget per department. Clerk Vallier suggested a Departmental Budget would be much more efficient.

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) THE PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE 2007-2008 BUDGET CLOSED AT 7:20 PM DST.

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) BEGINNING WITH THE 2007-2008 BUDGET, START USING A DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET NOT A LINE ITEM BUDGET AS USED IN THE PAST YEARS.

ADOPTION OF MORAN TOWNSHIP BUDGETS YEAR APRIL 1, 2007 – MARCH 31, 2008:

MOVED BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE OPERATING BUDGETS BY DEPARTMENTAL TOTALS AS LISTED:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$271,430 |
| WATER/SEWER FUND | \$41,937.50 |
| ROAD FUND | \$256,000 DOLLARS TO BE APPROPRIATED AS VOTED FOR CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS |
| RECREATION FUND | \$28,000 PLUS CPI PER CONTRACTS |

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2007-2008:

All meetings held on Wednesday, unless otherwise noted, meeting time 6:00 PM.

April 4, 2007

May 2, 2007

June 6, 2007 – Old Ozark School, Ozark, Michigan

Thursday, July 5, 2007

August 1, 2007

September 5, 2007 – Brevort Community Building, Brevort, Michigan

October 3, 2007

November 7, 2007

December 5, 2007

January 2, 2008

February 6, 2008

March 5, 2008

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE M.T. ROAD COMMITTEE FOR PROPOSED ROAD WORK 2007 SEASON, BY THE MACKINAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, TOTALING \$250,898

2007 MOWING CONTRACTS:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO EXTEND THE MOWING CONTRACTS FOR BID ONE AND TWO FOR THE 2007 SEASON.

BID ONE: BRIAN OLSEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2294

**BID TWO: B&B LAWN CARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110
PER MOWING**

Treas Dionne wanted to inform the Board of the Attorney General's opinion ruled recently . The Attorney General's opinion states that a Deputy County Treasurer and a Township Treasurer are not compatible offices. In 2004 when County Deputy Treasurer Dionne decided to run for MT Treasurer the Attorney General stated no conflict of interest, as did Mackinac County Prosecuting Attorney Clayton Graham. Treas Dionne wants to maintain both offices. The Township Board sees no conflict. Treas Dionne has contacted an attorney. Board to keep updated on this issue.

TOWNSHIP BILL: Checks 1323 thru 1354 = \$17,977.18

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| 1323 | P.J. Durm, Supr | \$1131.15 |
| 1324 | Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk | 779.37 |
| 1325 | Susan K. Dionne, Treas | 879.37 |
| 1326 | Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp | 395.78 |
| 1327 | Mark A. Spencer, Zon Admr | 731.10 |
| 1328 | Barbara Alkire, Custod | 46.17 |

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| 1329 | DSP, Inc | 2000.00 |
| 1330 | Mark A. Spencer, Trustee | 78.50 |
| 1331 | LaVerne Heuer, Trustee | 78.50 |
| 1332 | JoAnn Ford, BOR | 450.72 |
| 1333 | Albert Feliska, BOR | 147.76 |
| 1334 | Ivan Wilde, BOR | 147.76 |
| 1335 | Gayle Lamoreaux, BOR | 167.16 |
| 1336 | Patti Becker, BOR | 150.67 |
| 1337 | AT&T | 104.29 |
| 1338 | The St. Ignace News | 270.41 |
| 1339 | AT&T | 217.55 |
| 1340 | LSL Planning, Inc | 270.00 |
| 1341 | Plesscher, Inc | 180.00 |
| 1342 | Cloverland Elec Coop | 151.70 |
| 1343 | City of St. Ignace Water Dept | 55.39 |
| 1344 | ESELCO | 724.94 |
| 1345 | National Office Prod | 59.97 |
| 1346 | Cormorant Control Project | 1000.00 |
| 1347 | MTA | 375.00 |
| 1348 | Susan K. Dionne, Treas | 14.64 |
| 1349 | Mark A. Spencer, Cemetery Sexton | 277.05 |
| 1350 | Jake Tamlyn, Cemetery Sexton | 277.05 |
| 1351 | Richard Oliver | 10.00 |
| 1352 | Allied EMS Systems, Inc | 6609.60 |
| 1353 | Mackinac Co Equalization Dept | 18.00 |
| 1354 | Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk | 177.58 |

EFT-FIRST NATIONAL BANK 04-30-2007

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| Lighthouse.net | \$49.95 |
| IRS | \$1664.22 |

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM DST.**

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

DATED: *05-02-2007 Approved*