

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 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: Chuck Malcolm, Lee Ortman, D.J. Goudreau, Jr and St. Ignace News Reporter John DeMott.

At this time the following Board of Trustee Members elected in November were sworn into office:

SUPERVISOR	P. JAMES DURM
CLERK	KRISTINE R. VALLIER
TREASURER	SUSAN K. DIONNE
TRUSTEE	LAVERNE (LONNIE) HEUER
TRUSTEE	MARK A. SPENCER

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

St. Ignace Fire Dept. monthly report for October 2008.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2008 MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**BOARD OF REVIEW DATE CHANGE:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO CHANGE THE DECEMBER 2008 BOARD OF REVIEW FROM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008 TO MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2008.**

**APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO RE-APPOINT THE FOLLOWING BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS FOR A 2-YEAR TERM:**

**ALBERT FELIKSA  
JOANN FORD  
IVAN WILDE  
ALTERNATE: PATTI BECKER**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT:**

The following "Resolution of Support" was approved by all Board members

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

*WHEREAS*, for centuries the Straits of Mackinac has been a gathering place for native Americans, missionaries, fur trappers and traders, lumbermen, fishermen, sailors and myriad travelers;

*WHEREAS*, a settlement was established at St. Ignace in 1671 by French Missionary Father Marquette;

*WHEREAS*. The historic communities of Mackinac Island, Mackinaw City and St. Ignace create a triangle of history at the Straits of Mackinac;

*WHEREAS*, the Mackinac Bridge, located within Moran Township serves as a gateway to Michigan's Upper Peninsula;

*WHEREAS*, the Father Marquette National Memorial, located in Moran Township on a site overlooking the Straits of Mackinac, was once a vibrant park and museum attracting visitors from across the state and nation;

*WHEREAS*, the Father Marquette National Memorial was destroyed by fire on March 2000;

*WHEREAS*, the site of the Father Marquette National Memorial is currently owned by the State of Michigan;

*WHEREAS*, tourism is a primary source of income in Michigan's Upper Peninsula;

*WHEREAS*, the redevelopment of the Father Marquette National Memorial site will increase tourism and complete the triangle of history at the Straits; and

*WHEREAS*, a committee is needed to investigate the feasibility of redeveloping the Father Marquette National Memorial site;

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that Moran Township supports the redevelopment of the Father Marquette National Memorial site and requests that the Governor appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of redeveloping the site.

*Yeas:* Supervisor Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Trustees Spencer and Heuer.

*Nay:* NONE

*ABSENT:* NONE

I, Kristine R. Vallier, Moran Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of resolution adopted by the Moran Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

*Kristine R. Vallier*  
Kristine R. Vallier  
Moran Township Clerk

**FYI:**

The 911 dispatch transfer from Negaunee to Sault Ste. Marie has taken place. The dispatch will be referred to "Mackinac Central".

**SUPR, CLERK AND TREASURER SALARIES:**

3% salary raise for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer.

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY SPENCER TO RAISE SALARIES BY 3% FOR SUPERVISOR, CLERK AND TREASURER, AND TO AMEND THE 2008-2009 BUDGET BY SAME, THE CURRENT SALARIES ARE – SUPERVISOR \$17,109, CLERK \$15,000 AND TREASURER \$15,000 - THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95(3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that as of January 1, 2009, the salaries of the township board members shall be as follows:

- Supervisor: \$17,622 exclusive of assessing duties.
- Clerk: \$15,450
- Treasurer: \$15,450 winter and summer tax collection.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Heuer.  
Supported by board member Spencer.

Upon a 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*

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO CHECK THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE ANNUALLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The township has received the 2% monies, applied for by the twp, from the Sault Ste. Tribe of Chippewa Indians for the jaws of life, extricating tool. The jaws are to be used by Hendricks Township Fire Department.

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO AMEND 101-336-801-00 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND BY AN INCREASE OF \$1301.33.**

2. Mackinac County Road Commission invoices:

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO PAY THE FOLLOWING MCRC INVOICES FROM THE ROAD FUND:**

- 1. INV#08-157 Portage Road Project \$11,100 (Re-imbusement to be paid by Griffin Beverage.
- 2. INV#08-156 (Final) Old Portage Trail Culvert \$5,400
- 3. INV#08-158 (Final) E. Martin Lake Road \$38,514.09

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Township resident Richard McFarlane would like to bring electric service to his property 002-25, on Cheeseman Road, he would have to cross parcel 003-00 owned by Richard Wagner, which is protected by a conservation easement. The conservation easement was put into effect in April 2001, and proved by Wagner directly to Moran Township. The easement provided to the township encumbered the property in both general and specific way to protect conservation and scenic values. Opinion by township Attorney Evashevski, states the general concept of most conservation easements, including this particular easement, is to prohibit development that would alter the appearance of a natural setting.

While the conservation easement would prohibit either an overhead or underground electrical installation, the township owns the easement and has the authority to grant exceptions if it so chooses. Therefore, if the township, through its board, wishes to provide an exception from the easement, it may do so.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY HEUER (CARRIED) TO ALLOW RICHARD MCFARLANE TO PUT TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO HIS PROPERTY ON CHEESEMAN ROAD AND HAVE PERMANENT POWER PUT UNDERGROUND BY JUNE 1, 2009. ALSO WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM RICHARD WAGNER. IN ADDITION, PROVE LEGAL DRIVEWAY ACCESS OFF CHEESEMAN ROAD TO HIS PROPERTY.**

<b><u>TOWNSHIP BILLS:</u></b>	Checks 2033 thru 2071 + EFT's =	\$16,188.98
2033	P.J. Durm, Supr	\$1131.76
2034	K.R. Vallier, Clerk	779.37
2035	S.K. Dionne, Treas	879.37
2036	Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	395.78
2037	M.A. Spencer, Zon Admr	731.10
2038	B. Alkire, Custod	46.17

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2039 DSP, Inc	2000.00
2040 AT&T	224.48
2041 Cloverland Elec Coop	136.27
2042 AT&T	108.02
2043 Mackinac Co Treasurer	2.04
2044 MTA	940.00
2045 Postmaster	629.75
2046 K.R. Vallier, Clerk	250.87
2047 M.A. Spencer, Trustee	138.53
2048 L. Heuer, Trustee	138.53
2049 Manatron	600.35
2050 Brown & Brown	802.00
2051 Robert Bishop, Bldg Insp	146.83
2052 Judith Luoma, Rd Comm	46.18
2053 Monica Silet, Rd Comm	83.12
2054 M.A. Spencer, Rd Comm	83.12
2055 D.J. Goudreau, Rd Comm	92.35
2056 Hendricks Twp Fire Dept	2000.00
2057 M.A. Spencer, Zon Admr	114.66
2058 ESELCO	726.34
2059 M.A. Spencer, Rd Comm	56.70
2060 City of St. Ignace Water Dept	51.38
2061 M.A. Spencer, Trustee	151.93
2062 National Office Prod	143.88
2063 B&B Snowplowing	175.00
2064 Charles Lamoreaux, PLC	41.56
2065 Charles Malcolm, PLC	41.56
2066 L. Heuer, PLC & ZBA	138.53
2067 JoAnn Ford, PLC	46.18
2068 George Ford, ZBA	46.18
2069 Albert Feliksa, ZBA	83.12
2070 Joel Sheffer, ZBA	83.12
2071 Deluxe Business Checks	272.40

**EFT'S**

Lighthouse.net	49.95
IRS	1575.50
Image Fee	5.00

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY HEUER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 6:45 PM EST.**

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

**DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2008**

