

**ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 12, 2020**

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace Township Board was held on August 12, 2020 at the Township Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Campbell.

Present: Supervisor Campbell, Treasurer Massey, Trustee McKenzie, Trustee Mitchell, Clerk Oja

Absent: None

Public comment: None

Clerk Oja presented the minutes for the July 8, 2020 Regular meeting. Motion by McKenzie, supported by Campbell, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Massey presented the Treasurers report for July. Motion by Mitchell, supported by Oja, to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Oja submitted the August expenses for approval.

General Fund:	\$9,651.49	Payroll	\$6,764.60	
Road Fund:	\$77,926.32	ACH Payments -	\$3,977.73	Payroll DD
Recreation Fund:	\$246.95	MI withholding tax -	\$277.96	
Sewer Fund:	\$258.37	FICA tax -	\$1,050.04	
Total:	\$88,083.13			

Motion by Massey, supported by Mitchell, to accept the expenses as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business:

**Building Inspector Application**

Clerk Oja updated the Board on the pending application. The Construction Code Commission held a meeting via Zoom on 7/22/20 and had St. Ignace Township on the agenda as unfinished business. They extended the deadline for the township to submit the requested documentation for the Application to Administer and Enforce the Building Code to September 15, 2020. Once all required documents are received, enforcement will take effect thirty days after receipt.

The Township still needs to find two more members to be on the Construction Board of Appeals, with one being in the plumbing trade and another in the electrical trade, if possible. Treasurer Massey will check with Steve Paquin, a local plumber, to verify if he will still serve on the board, as he stated he would previously. Clerk Oja asked the Board to get the names to her by the end of August, so she can submit this to the Construction Code Commission.

**Zoning Complaint – Simmons Rd**

Clerk Oja stated the individual that lives on the property in question was sent a Notice of Violation on 7/23/2020 informing the individual that the violations must be corrected within ten days or this matter will be brought before the Township Board for further action. No response was received to the notice.

Terry and Kathryn Becker were present at the meeting and stated there were a few things that were picked up, but not much. They stated she is living in large shed that is under 750 sq feet, with no water or sewer hookup. They did say there seems to be less dogs there now. This matter will be forwarded to the Township Attorney for further action.

Mrs. Becker asked about the Nuisance Ordinance and that she was told by the Clerk that the Board is working on an updated one. Treasurer Massey gave copies of Blight Ordinances that other municipalities use for reference and asked about setting up a committee to work on updating the ordinances. No action was taken; however, this will need to be done in the near future to clarify the Townships role and responsibility in zoning violations.

New Business:

**Zoning Administrator Update**

Zoning Administrator, Chet Garen, was present with an update on zoning issues. He stated there is a residence on Mackinac Trail that seems to be buying, selling, and fixing cars and disposing of them on the property. There have been several complaints about the many junk cars on the property. He will contact the property owner, who does not live in town, and inform her of what needs to be done. If that does not resolve the issue, the Clerk will send the property owner a Notice of Violation with information given by the Zoning Administrator.

**Fire Board Appointment**

Trustee Mitchell stated the Fire Board needs the Township to appoint another member besides himself to serve on the Fire Board, as Supervisor Campbells term ends soon. Motion made by Mitchell, supported by Massey to appoint Trustee Glenn McKenzie to serve as the second member on the Fire Board. Motion approved.

**Water Issue**

Supervisor Campbell presented pictures of water problems in Evergreen Shores along Shore Drive. This matter was brought before the Mackinac County Road Commission, who stated they do not have the money to fix the problem. The Road Commission then sent Supervisor Campbell an estimate of approximately \$9,500 to fix the problem, apparently with water drains. After discussion, the Board did not believe it was the responsibility of the Township to pay for the repair of the road or drains. Supervisor Campbell will contact the Road Commission with the Boards decision.

Motion made by Mitchell, supported by Massey to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Sheri L. Oja  
Township Clerk  
Date: 8-12-2020