

ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace Township Board of Trustees was held on August 11, 2021, at the Township Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Danielson.

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

Public Comment: Terry & Kathryn Becker were present with questions.

Clerk Oja submitted the minutes for the July 14, 2021, regular meeting. Motion by McKenzie, supported by Massey, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Zoning Administrator Report:

Supervisor Danielson reported for the Zoning Administrator in his absence. Zoning Administrator Garen reported there was concern about some building at a property near him. Supervisor Danielson spoke with the State Building Inspector, who informed him to have pictures taken and document what is happening and to report back to him. Also, Mr. James St. James has indicated he would like to purchase the motel property across from Jean Huskey in Evergreen Shores. His intent is to build condos or housing. He will get all the proper permits, etc. before proceeding. There has been complaints about the property on corner of M-123 and I-75 selling sheds and other merchandise. Supervisor Danielson will look into this matter.

Clerk Oja submitted the August expenses for approval:

General Fund:	\$8,074.82	Payroll:	\$6,539.00	
Road Fund:	\$0.00	ACH Payments:	\$4,982.26	Payroll DD
Recreation Fund:	\$0.00	MI w/h Tax:	\$ 277.96	
Sewer Fund:	\$225.92	FICA Tax:	\$1,109.05	
Total:	\$8,300.74			

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

Old Business:

Ambulance Purchase

The board discussed the different options given by Mark Wilk for the purchase of a new or remounted ambulance. The board agreed the ambulance with the power load plus cot would be the best option, with the township's share of \$35,940.38 of the approximate cost of \$211,125.79. Clerk Oja asked Supervisor Danielson if he would check with Mark on what payment options are available for the township.

Motion made by Danielson, supported by Mitchell, to approve the amount of \$35,940.38 for the township's share of a new ambulance with an approximate purchase price of \$211,125.79. Motion carried.

New Business:

Conflict of Interest Policy

Clerk Oja stated that all townships that have requested or are planning to request their allocation of the ARPA funds must have a Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy in place. The grant application for the township has been submitted and approved, with St. Ignace Township receiving approximately \$94,000.00.

Motion by Oja, supported by Danielson, to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy for St. Ignace Township. Motion carried.

Mackinac County Road Commission Agreement

Supervisor Danielson reported that there were funds remaining in the match project for the summer 2021. The agreement is for brushing and mowing on North and South Pine River, Ingalsbe, Lant, North and South Jamison and Rabbits Back Roads with a township share of \$1,593.00.

Motion made by Danielson, supported by Massey, to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Mackinac County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

The EUP Regional Planning and Development Commission informed the board that the Mackinac County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan fulfills the requirement mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Administration through the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which requires that each county must have a hazard plan in order to be eligible for federal assistance. Formal adoption of the plan by the board is also necessary to be considered eligible for FEMA funding.

Motion made by Oja, supported by McKenzie, to adopt the Mackinac County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

EUPConnect Collaborative Resolution to Partner

Jennie Hoffman was present to answer any questions regarding the EUPConnect Collaborative started by the EUP ISD to try to get broadband access to all citizens in the EUP. Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and other sources will be used to fund the project. They are reaching out to the counties, townships, school districts, libraries, hospitals and the Native American Tribe to join the Collaborative. Many local townships and others have already joined. The Collaborative asks that each partner commit to 3% of their share of the American Rescue Act dollars. The percentage amount for St. Ignace Township is \$2,832.00. The cost includes internet service to the home. It does not include modems, etc. Supervisor Danielson asked about the cost of the internet. Ms. Hoffman stated at this time it would be approximately \$99 per month per household for Highland Fast.

Motion made by Danielson, supported by Massey, to approve the EUP Connect Collaborative Resolution to Partner. Roll call vote: Yes 5, No 0. Motion carried.

Correspondence: As the meeting was held in the dark due to a power outage, the board discussed purchasing a generator for the township hall due to the many power outages on Gorman Road. Clerk Oja will look into whether this purchase would be included in the ARPA funds grant as an eligible expense.

Motion made by Danielson, supported by McKenzie to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sheri L. Oja
Township Clerk
Date: 8/13/2021