

**ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING and
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
March 19, 2025**

The regular meeting and Budget Public Hearing of the St. Ignace Township Board of Trustees was held on March 19, 2025, at the Township Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Danielson.

Present: Supervisor Danielson, Treasurer Goudreau, Clerk Oja, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Mitchell

Absent: None

Minutes:

Clerk Oja submitted the minutes for the February 12, 2025 regular meeting. Motion by Goudreau, supported by Danielson, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Goudreau presented the Treasurers Report for March. Motion made by Oja, supported by Mitchell to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Report:

Clerk Oja submitted the March expenses for approval:

General Fund:	\$5,734.50	Payroll:	\$8,519.01
Road Fund:	\$0.00		
Recreation Fund:	\$0.00	MI w/h Tax:	\$0.00
Sewer Fund:	\$246.34	FICA Tax:	\$1,151.52
Total:	\$5,980.84		

Motion by Danielson, supported by Goudreau, to accept the expenses as submitted. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Zoning Administrator O'Brien was present and updated the Board on zoning issues.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Dust Control Bids

The Board reviewed the Dust Control List of Bidders received from The Mackinac County Road Commission. Motion by Goudreau, supported by Frazier, to approve Wilkinson Corporation bid for dust control for the summer of 2025. Motion carried.

Jonathan Scheel – Planning & Zoning Presentation

Jonathan Scheel, a planning and zoning consultant, gave the Board a presentation of what his company can do in assisting the township in creating a new Master Plan and updating some current zoning ordinances. The current Land Use Plan for St. Ignace Township was done in 1996 and is in need of updating as it is outdated. He provided the township with the steps needed to create a Planning Commission and update the Master Plan. After discussion, the Board agreed that the Master Plan (aka Land Use Plan), the current Nuisance Ordinance (Blight) and a new Short-term Rental Ordinance needs to be done. Mr. Scheel will provide the Board with a quote on the cost of assisting with these items.

Public Budget Hearing

Motion by Goudreau, supported by Frazier, to adjourn regular meeting and open the Public Budget Hearing. Motion carried. Supervisor Danielson called the public hearing on the budget to order at 7:55 p.m.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2025-26 budgets for the General Fund, Road Fund, Sewer Fund and Recreation Fund. No changes were made to the proposed budgets.

Public Comment - None

Motion by Goudreau, supported by Mitchell to close the Public Budget Hearing. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.

Adoption of the 2025-26 Budgets

Motion by Goudreau, supported by Frazier, to approve the 2025-26 General Fund, Sewer Fund, Road Fund and Recreation Fund Budgets as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Oja presented Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments needed for the General Fund. Motion by Goudreau, supported by Frazier to approve the budget transfers and budget amendments for the 2024-25 budget. Motion carried.

Clerk Oja presented the Resolution No. 2025-01 General Appropriations Act. Motion by Goudreau, supported by Danielson, to approve the General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Yes – Danielson, Goudreau, Oja, Mitchell, Frazier, No - None. Motion carried.

Public Comment None

Correspondence

Clerk Oja informed the Board that the Township has an opportunity to purchase a new voting tabulator, with a \$1,000 buy back if the tabulator is purchased by May 1st, 2025. The cost of the new tabulator would be approximately \$5,693.00. The current voting tabulator was purchased in 2017. Oja stated that she will be applying for the Sault Tribe 2% monies grant to request funds for this purchase. A resolution that is required to be with the application was prepared by Clerk Oja.

Motion by Frazier, supported by Goudreau, to approve the St. Ignace Township Board Resolution No. 2025-02 to Apply for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians 2% Funding Request to Purchase Voting Tabulator. Roll call vote: Yes – Danielson, Frazier, Goudreau, Oja, Mitchel, No – None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Frazier, supported by Mitchell, to adjourn the regular board meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheri L. Oja, Township Clerk

Date: 3/22/2025