

**ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 9, 2025**

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace Township Board of Trustees was held on July 9, 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 Mitchell, Trustee Frazier

**Absent:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Clerk Oja submitted the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2025. Motion by Goudreau, supported by Frazier to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Goudreau submitted the Treasurers Report for June. Motion made by Danielson, supported by Frazier, to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

**Clerk Report:** Clerk Oja submitted the July expenses for approval:

General Fund:	\$52,420.15	Payroll:	\$7,844.01
Road Fund:	\$0.00		
Recreation Fund:	\$44.96	MI w/h Tax:	\$1,128.60
Sewer Fund:	\$11,462.48	FICA Tax:	\$1,000.14
Total:	<b>\$63,927.59</b>		

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

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

Zoning Administrator O'Brien updated the board on zoning issues. He has two pending zoning applications at this time. Supervisor Danielson was informed by UPNorth Planning that they have sent out six blight letters to residents, with three responses. Supervisor Danielson stated there were more on the list and asked if the Board would like to look at these properties first before asking that a letter be sent out. The Board agreed and will review the properties prior to the August meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

***Planning Commission Ordinance***

The Board reviewed the new Planning Commission Ordinance submitted by UpNorth Planning. This ordinance is needed to create a new Planning Commission, which is required to start the process of creating a new Township Master Plan. The current plan was done in 1995 and is out of date.

Motion by Goudreau, supported by Oja, to approve the St. Ignace Township Planning Commission Ordinance No. 47. Roll call vote: Yes – Danielson, Goudreau, Mitchell, Frazier, Oja No – None. Motion carried.

***Blight and Nuisance Ordinance***

The Board reviewed a draft Blight and Nuisance Ordinance submitted by UPNorth Planning. This would replace the current outdated Nuisance Ordinance. The new ordinance is more broad and has the new enforcement procedures needed. After discussion, the Board agreed to table the approval until the August meeting in order to review both the new and old ordinances.

***Fire Agreement***

The new Fire Agreement between the City of St. Ignace, Township of Moran and Township of St. Ignace was reviewed. This agreement is for fire protection with the City providing the means and equipment for use not

only in the city but also the townships having no fire department. The agreement would be from June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2027.

Motion by Danielson, supported by Goudreau, to approve the Fire Agreement.  
Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Supervisor Danielson received a letter from township resident Angie Bunker regarding her concern about Medical Marijuana facilities in the township. St. Ignace Township current has an Ordinance prohibiting Medical Marijuana facilities in the township. Clerk Oja read a letter received by township resident Michelle Anderson stating her concern about Bitcoin facilities and if the township will be implementing a new ordinance to keep one from being allowed in St. Ignace Township. Supervisor Danielson stated he has been talking with other officials on this subject. No interest has been shown for a facility in St. Ignace Township at this time. It will be addressed if needed in the future. Supervisor Danielson also updated the Board on the cemetery cleanup. He toured the cemeteries with the current lawn care provider, 906 Lawn & Landscaping, on removing the old fencing and debris in the cemeteries. Mr. Molina will provide the township with a new estimate.

**Public Comment:**

Victoria Burnett commented on how she surprised on the actions of the board at the last meeting regarding getting questions answered during public comment, the comments made by some of the board members and the Zoning Administrator. The president of the St. Ignace Public Library was present to ask for the townships support in approving the library millage request that will be on the ballot on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Jodi Kaiser asked that a road committee be created. Casey Morningstar read his concerns about how the public comment was handled during the June meeting and how the minutes were not up to date on the townships website. Bridgett Sorenson, on behalf of the City of St. Ignace Recreation Board, asked for support again from the township to help with programs, staffing, etc. Another township resident was concerned about the rubbish on a property located on the corner of Gorman and Ackland road. Supervisor Danielson informed her that this property is being sent letters and the enforcement of removing the blight is in the process.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Danielson, supported by Frazier, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheri L. Oja, Township Clerk  
Date: 7-10-25