

Workloads Increase for Township Officers

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employees, Mrs. McDonald said.

There are many more examples to support her assertion that township government is becoming a full-time jobs, she said.

In other news, the board voted to reinstate the supervisor's power to spend up to \$2,000 in necessary or emergency situations, without approval of the full board. The new policy, however, states that the supervisor can only do so if he notifies at least one trustee prior to spending the money.

At the July 11 meeting, the board voted to limit the expenditure of township money by any board member to \$300. Larger expenditures would require a special meeting. The procedure was not practical and failed within the month, Mr. Ferris said. Between meetings, larger expenses arose, but the entire board could not be summoned for special

meetings. This led one resident and one board member to use personal credit cards to pay for township expenses.

Mr. Devereaux said the new policy is better than the original, but he remains concerned that township money could still be wasted. He said the old policy excluded the board from taking part in decision making.

Owing to mutual aid agreements between the Portage Township Fire Department and other municipalities, the board voted to allow fire chief P. J. Costa to purchase badges at a cost of \$1,500. Firemen must have a method to identify themselves, he said, and the badges are considered a good method. Mr. Costa said he would investigate costs for identification cards for firemen, also, which one resident said would be necessary to back up the legitimacy of the badges in the public eye.



M.J. Bishop Performs on Mackinac Island

Seattle artist and St. Ignace native M.J. Bishop performed a concert at Windermere Point on Mackinac Island Tuesday, August 15. Ms. Bishop has lived in Seattle since her graduation from college, but said her visits to the Straits area always are nostalgic. "This is just heavenly," she said of her performance on the Island, telling the audience stories of summers spent on the Island swimming in Grand Hotel's pool. Ms. Bishop also performed a song called "Straits of Mackinac" and kept her show lively with an audience sing-along. The concert was sponsored by the Mackinac Arts Council.

Clark Township Board Meeting Minutes

Clark Township Board of Trustees July 20, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:02 p.m.
Trustees Present: Nordquist, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter, Cruickshank

Carpenter motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Cruickshank supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 15; Special Meeting of June 29
Approval of Minutes of Election Commission of July 11, 2006
Approval of General Fund Bills of \$4,132.09
Approval of Sewer Bills of \$6,182.53

Nordquist motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Cruickshank supported.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter, Cruickshank. Motion Carried.

Cruickshank motioned to accept the resolution regarding the property for the Indian Cemetery contingent upon a memorandum of intent with the Catholic Church and The Native American Society for Historical Preservation taking responsibility for the fees included with this transaction. Hudson supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Cruickshank, Hudson, Leach, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to table the Community Center rate policy with the exception of the YAC Dances. Carpenter supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Cruickshank motioned that the Youth Advisory Committee Dances not be charged if there's a signed service contract for the township if it's for under-21 years of age and is chaperoned. Carpenter supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Cruickshank,

Hudson, Leach, Carpenter. Motion Carried

Hudson motioned to issue a full refund for the hall to the Youth Advisory Committee for the previous dances that they have had and lost money on. Cruickshank supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hudson, Cruickshank. Nays: Leach, Carpenter, Nordquist. Motion Failed.

Hudson motioned to reject the Metzger sewer case evaluation and move on to the next step. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Nordquist, Hudson, Leach, Carpenter. Motion Carried

Hudson motioned to accept the new terms as clarified for this season with A-1 Septic at \$225/month for three months. Carpenter supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Cruickshank, Hudson, Carpenter, Leach. Motion Carried

Carpenter motioned to approve to pay Northern Initiatives invoice for \$4,694.80 and the Flamin' Frog invoice for \$210.00 to be reimbursed to EUPNTA contingent upon receiving the money from the draw. Hudson supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter, Cruickshank. Motion Carried.

Cruickshank motioned to allow the Planning Commission to have Jim Murray of Plunkett and Cooney give his opinion on the Les Cheneaux Landing Case at a maximum of three hours at \$135/hour. Leach Supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Cruickshank, Hudson, Leach. Abstain: Carpenter. Motion Carried

Hudson motioned to accept the lease program for the Kubota mower from Skinner's with the 48 inch deck and the 54 inch deck for up to \$3,000 per year for the cemeteries. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Cruickshank, Hudson, Carpenter

Nays: Leach. Motion Carried.

Nordquist motioned to give the old cemetery mower to the maintenance department.

Hudson supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter, Cruickshank. Motion Carried.

Cruickshank motioned to purchase the BS&A software for the cemeteries. Leach supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Carpenter motioned to adjourn. Cruickshank supported. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Clark Township Board of Trustees July 28, 2006 4:45 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 4:45 p.m.
Trustees Present: Nordquist, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter. Absent: Cruickshank

Others Present: Rose Mary Miller, Chet Kasper

Approval of Agenda. Leach motioned to approve the agenda. Nordquist supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Leach motioned to accept the resignation of Tammy Cruickshank as Trustee. Hudson supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Hudson, Leach, Carpenter

Motion Carried

Leach motioned to amend the agenda to discuss approval to proceed with quit claim deed on Indian Cemetery, move #2. Consider the process for appointing a new trustee to #3, citizen recognition of appreciation. Hudson supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to recess at 5:35 p.m.
Back to Order: 5:50 p.m.

Citizen Recognition of Appreciation Clark Township Board of Trustees Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS Charles Paquin served eight years as a member of the Clark Township Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, he provided essential leadership for the 1969 establishment of the Les Cheneaux Ambulance Corps

WHEREAS, he served the community for twenty years on the Les Cheneaux Ambulance Corps and as a CPR Instructor

WHEREAS, he served eight years with the Clark Township Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, he served for twenty years as manager of the Albert J. Lindberg Airport in Hessel

WHEREAS, he served for twelve years as a member of the Clark Township Roads Committee

WHEREAS, he provided leadership as a member of the Streetscapes Project and numerous other committees in Clark Township

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clark Township Board of Trustees hereby adopt this Resolution of Appreciation honoring Charles Paquin for his volunteerism, generous contributions of talent and unfailing dedication to the citizens of this community

Hudson motioned to adopt the resolution honoring Charlie Paquin. Carpenter supported.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Hudson, Carpenter, Leach. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Clark Township Board of Trustees August 17, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Nordquist, Hudson, Leach
Absent: Carpenter.
Leach motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Nordquist supported. All Ayes.
Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 20; Special July 28, 2006
Approval of General Fund Bills of \$16,497.65
Approval of Sewer Fund Bills of \$20,492.92
Nordquist motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented. Leach supported.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Hudson, Leach. Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to allow the purchase of tables for the supervisor and building inspectors' offices for no more than \$290.00. Hudson supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Leach, Hudson, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to table the employee policy update. Hudson supported.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to purchase 1,000 3x5 waterproof vinyl labels for the sewer alarms from the St. Ignace News for a total of \$187.39. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hudson, Leach, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to enter into \$1,750.00 in propane pre-buy with Autore Oil.
Leach supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hudson, Leach, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to accept the Out of Block Budget Amendments for the Revenues and Expenditures for the EUPNTA grant with revenue of \$24,877.17 and expenditures of \$24,162.17 with a difference of 715.00 that was paid to Flamin' Frog out of the General Account prior to the current fiscal year. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hudson, Nordquist, Leach. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to hire the new deputy clerk in for a two-week training session at the \$10/hour rate as the current deputy clerk will be leaving her position to have a baby. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Leach, Hudson, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to adjourn. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Leach, Hudson, Nordquist. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS City of Mackinac Island

The City of Mackinac Island is accepting bids for a contract with the City to perform cleaning, sweeping and flushing of Highway M-185 (Main Street) between Mission Point and the West end of the Boardwalk on the following terms and specifications:

A. Time Period. The services rendered shall be required from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008; and October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009, with the option to add on the following October 1, 2009 thru September 30, 2010; and October 1, 2010 thru September 30, 2011.

B. Services to be performed. The services to be performed by the bidder are generally described as:

- (1) The contractor shall provide street cleaning services that includes daily flushing with horse drawn and manual equipment, and
- (2) Daily sweeping with horse drawn and manual equipment.

C. Allowable equipment. Motor vehicles, as defined by city ordinance, are not allowed and therefore cannot be used to perform services described herein. Therefore, the equipment used to perform the services is limited to horse drawn mechanical equipment and manual tools such as brooms, shovels and hoses.

D. Standard of services performed. The bidder warrants that they are familiar with the general cleaning and flushing needs of the city for the relevant portion of M-185 and that the bidder will provide a standard of performance that is competent and shall meet the satisfaction and approval of the city's designated agent. The work is further represented and warranted to be in complete compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

E. Contract. Acceptance of any bid by the city will be conditioned upon the parties entering into a mutually agreeable contract incorporating the terms and provisions of this advertisement for bid as well as other terms and conditions which will include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) **Independent Contractor.** The successful bidder will be an independent contractor. Neither the contractor nor any of its employees will be deemed to be employees, servants or agents of the city and shall not be entitled to any wages or fringe benefits of the city. The contractor shall be responsible for the withholding and payment of all applicable taxes, including but not limited to income and social security taxes. The contractor shall further carry worker's compensation and unemployment compensation coverage for its employees as required by law.
- (2) **Insurance.** The contractor shall be required to pay the premium on, and maintain during the term of the agreement, insurance coverage as follows:
 - (a) Commercial General Liability - at least \$1,000,000 for each occurrence of bodily injury/property damage and not less than \$2,000,000 aggregate.
 - (b) Worker's Compensation and Employer Liability - Limits of not less than \$1,000,000. In addition the city shall be named as an additional insured and supplied with a copy of the policy and declaration page.

Bids must be sealed and delivered to the City of Mackinac Island Clerk's office on or before Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at the close of business. All bids received in a timely manner will be opened and reviewed on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Mackinac Island Council Chambers.

THE CITY SPECIFICALLY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS BASED ON THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Karen S. Lennard,
Mackinac Island City Clerk
P.O. Box 455
Mackinac Island, MI 49757
(906) 847-3702

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Mackinac County Housing Commission, N9174 Kozy Street, Box 150, Curtis, MI 49820, (906) 586-3414.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSON:

On or about September 6, 2006 the above-named will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Mackinac County Housing Commission Capital Fund Program

(PROJECT, TITLE OR NAME)

Mackinac County Housing Commission Capital Fund Program

(PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT)

Curtis and Engadine, Mackinac County, Michigan

(LOCATION-CITY, COUNTY, STATE OF PROJECT)

\$340,000

(ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT)

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named which documents the environmental review of the project. The Environment Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request.

Mackinac County Housing Commission will undertake the project described above with Capital Fund Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Mackinac County Housing Commission is certifying to HUD that Mackinac County Housing Commission and George Martindale, in his/her official capacity as Director, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Mackinac County Housing Commission may use the Capital Program funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD at HUD Michigan State Office, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Office Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700, Detroit, MI 48226. HUD will not consider objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above. HUD will consider no objection received after September 6, 2006.

George Martindale
Mackinac County Housing Commission
N9174 Kozy Street, Box 150, Curtis, MI 49820

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT USDA-Forest Service Hiawatha National Forest St. Ignace Gravel Pits Mackinac County, Michigan

The Eastside Administrative Unit (St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie Ranger Districts), Hiawatha National Forest has completed an analysis for proposed gravel pit development and rehabilitation, and non-native invasive plant control in the St. Ignace Gravel Pit Environmental Assessment. The areas being analyzed are located in Sections 19, 20, and 21, T43N, R3W and Sections 11, 12, and 33, T43N, R5W, Mackinac County, Michigan.

Alternative 2 is the preferred alternative. The proposed activities include expanding the Taylor Creek and the Bissel Road sand pit, and developing the Akrigg West and Barrett Road sites for new gravel pits. This would entail clearing trees, removing and stockpiling overburden, to be used later in rehabilitation, and installing gates to control access into the pits. The project would also rehabilitate the existing Akrigg gravel pit, and prepare it for closure. Proposed activities also include techniques for removal of non-native invasive plants in the form of manual, mechanical, and/or chemical control in these pits.

For more information about this project, please contact Lyn Hyslop, Hiawatha National Forest, W1900 West US 2, St. Ignace, MI 49781; telephone (906) 643-7900 ext. 152, TTD (906) 643-7611, or fax (906) 643-8759. Written, fax, or oral comments on the proposal must be sent to Attn: Stevan Christiansen, Subject: St. Ignace Gravel Pits at W1900 West US 2, St. Ignace, MI 49781; telephone (906) 643-7900 ext. 113, TTD (906) 643-7611, or fax (906) 643-8759. E-mail comments must be sent to: comments-eastern-hiawatha-st-ignace@fs.fed.us, Subject: St. Ignace Gravel Pits. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are: text or HTML e-mail, and Microsoft Office formats. The office hours (for comments delivered by hand) are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (closed holidays). Oral comments (in person or by telephone) will also be accepted during those hours.

This constitutes notice of opportunity to comment on the St. Ignace Gravel Pits EA (36 CFR 215.5). Comments that are within the scope of the proposed action, are specific to the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons to consider (36 CFR 215.2) are most useful. Comments will be considered by the Responsible Official in the decision on the proposal. The Responsible Official is Stevan J. Christiansen, District Ranger of the Eastside Administration Unit of the Hiawatha National Forest.

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in *The Evening News*, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan newspaper. Only those who submit timely comments will be accepted as appellants. Each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity according to the requirements of 36 CFR 215.6 (3)(iv) and (v).

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