

# St. Ignace City Council Meeting Minutes

Council  
Proceedings  
(Official)

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, July 2, 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Grondin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Wyse gave the invocation.

Present: Councilmember Della-Moretta, Fullerton, LaLonde, Tamlyn-Massaway, Wyse, Mayor Grondin.

Absent: Councilmember Gustafson. It was moved by Councilmember LaLonde, seconded by Councilmember Wyse to excuse Councilmember Gustafson from the Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Present: Eric Dodson, City Manager; Prentiss M. Brown, Jr., City Attorney; Renee' Vonderwerth, City Clerk; Les Therrian, Superintendent of Public Works; Tim Matelski, Chief of Police.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2007 were approved as presented.

Additions to the Agenda:

6. City Manager – Bid opening/Water Plant roof.  
7. Mayor Grondin – "Movies under the Stars".

## 1. WATER TOWER REPORT:

Les Therrian updated Council on the status of the progress for the repair of the water tower, stating that Dixon Engineering and Pittsburg Tank have agreed on a repair, Pittsburg Tank is scheduled to start the repairs on Monday July 9th, and Dixon Engineering will have an engineer on site during the process.

Brian Schlehuber voiced his concerns regarding the issue and strongly urged Council not to agree to just any kind of fix but go above and beyond and not allow it to be done cheaply. City Manager Dodson stated that Dixon Engineering has been in contact with Dr. Schlehuber and the City is continuing to work toward accomplishing the goal of a quality repair.

## 2. NEW PAINTBALL REQUEST:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that the Paintball committee is requesting the City to consider allowing a "Speedball" course at the old baseball diamond at McCann field, however since there is no representative from the Paintball committee present, this item will be postponed at this time.

## 3. MARINA DIRECTOR REQUEST:

City Manager Dodson stated that at the last meeting, Eugene Elmer discussed the installation of a power washer for the lighthouse, adding that after reviewing the budget he felt it fit well under the qualifications of the donations and requested Council's approval to purchase the power washer at a cost of \$781.00.

It was moved by Councilmember Wyse, seconded by Councilmember Fullerton to approve the purchase of the power washer with the donated money. Motion carried unanimously.

## 4. MAYOR EXCHANGE RECAP:

City Manager Dodson commented that he felt that all the members that attended the Mayor exchange experienced a great opportunity to see and learn about how other communities approach and do things. In addition, the information that was gleaned, and the relationships that were established made it a valuable experience.

Mayor Grondin gave an overview of the days activities in Mackinaw City and St. Ignace, stating that it went real well. Also at this time, he presented Council a picture of the Mackinac Bridge which he received from Mackinaw City and requested it be hung in the Council Chambers. In addition, Mayor Grondin read a letter received from the Village of Mackinaw City expressing their appreciation and thanking the City for the opportunity for the long overdue exchange with the City of St. Ignace.

## 5. INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that the Insurance Committee met to review the liability insurance proposals received from

MMRMA and MML and recommended to continue coverage with MMRMA for an annual amount of \$87,643.

It was moved by Councilmember Della-Moretta, seconded by Councilmember LaLonde to accept the committees' recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

## 6. MAYOR GRONDIN – "MOVIES UNDER THE STARS":

Mayor Grondin commended City Manager Dodson for doing a great job setting up "Movies under the Stars" and expressed his hope for a successful turnout both nights.

At this time, City Manager Dodson thanked Les and his crew, and Gina Della-Moretta for creating the awesome ads that will run before the show, adding that they were done very professionally. In addition, City Manager Dodson thanked all the sponsors that came together and supported this event which made it a cost free activity for the community.

## 7. CITY MANAGER DODSON – BID OPENINGS/WATER PLANT ROOF:

City Manager Dodson stated that at the last meeting roofing bids were approved for the water plant, adding that three have been received. At this time, Mayor Grondin opened them and reported the following results. Wilcox Construction in the amount of \$20,000; materials \$7000, labor \$11,000 and dump fees of \$2,000. Huskey Construction in the amount of \$20,620 including disposal with tear and \$17,120 without tear off. Cryderman Builders in the amount of \$21,700; labor and materials \$14,000, removal and waste management \$7,700.

Les Therrian requested that they be reviewed by the City Manager, City Engineer and himself and report back to Council with a recommendation at the next meeting.

## Consideration of Bills:

Councilmember LaLonde inquired on the bill from Mackinac Plumbing, asking if it was related to the sewer problem. Les stated that it is related, and the bill is for a check valve to eliminate it from happening again. In addition, Councilmember LaLonde inquired on another bill from Mackinac Plumbing, asking if it was another sewer backup. Les Therrian stated that it is a broken sewer lead and will be fixed when they dig up the road for the 2008 sewer project.

## Public Comment:

There were no comments at this time.

The following bills were presented to Council for payment:

All-Phase Electric Supply Co.	149.18
AT&T Long Distance	.50.17
AT&T	.1205.89
Data Image Systems	.715.00
Edison Sault Electric Co.	.1134.44
Fed Ex	.104.04
Flailmaster	.66.18
H&D, Inc.	.1350.00
Harbor Springs Community Pool	.200.00
Kelly's Splash of Colors	.461.50
Kimball-Midwest	.52.25
Mackinac Plumbing & Heating Co.	.554.43
MI State Police-BSF-Cashiers Office	.176.00
Nye Uniform Company	.173.38
Office Depot	.59.62
P & S Distributors	.178.84
Pitney Bowes	.682.57
RS Scott Associates	.1378.00
Sensus Metering Systems	.550.00
State Of MI-Labor & Economic Growth	.145.00
Technicem, Inc.	.1253.40
Trusco	.36.84
West Shore Fire Repair, Inc.	.923.28
Zee Medical, Inc.	.145.55
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>.\$11,745.56</b>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Mayor Paul Grondin  
Renee' Vonderwerth, City Clerk

## NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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and Joe Kubal of Berwyn, Illinois, have for years celebrated their wedding anniversary at Grand Hotel and were here in June. Sadly, we've learned that Judy's beloved husband, Joe, recently passed away. Island friends send their deepest sympathy.

Larry and Carolyn Kurowski of Kouts, Indiana, spent the entire month of June at Tom Pfeiffelmann's beach house. They've been coming to Mackinac for 15 years. One of Carolyn's pictures was chosen for the 2008 calendar for the month of July.

Great to have the Warp cottage on the West Bluff open once again. Welcome home to Skip and his family.

Ed and Nona Chambers are spending the weekend in Grand Marais. Happy birthday to Nona July 18.

Guests of the Brian Hellis' over the weekend were Brian, Kathleen, David, and Patrick Culleton from the Detroit area.

Dr. Dave and Grace Armour are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Anneke and Matt Myers. Nice to have them back on the Island.

Mark Chambers and his brother-in-law, Jean LaBorde of Crivitz, Wisconsin, and good friend, Mike George, are on a sailing trip aboard Mark's sailboat *Windermere*. They're visiting the Les Cheneaux Islands, DeTour, and Drummond Island.

East Bluff cottager Nancy Keogh suffered a badly injured knee resulting from a fall from her bicycle. We hope Nancy will soon be free of pain. Best wishes from Island friends.

Brian Dunnigan of Grass Lake enjoyed the weekend with his family at their Easterly Cottage.

The West Bluff welcomes summer cottager Dottie Sharer, who has just arrived from her home in Bloomfield Hills. Dottie loves Mackinac, and has many friends who are pleased to see her back on the Island.

Dr. Helen Straus of Chicago, Illinois, and her brother, Frank, from Springfield, Illinois, recently enjoyed spending time on Mackinac. Their parents, Lorna and Dr. Fran, departed for Germany Monday, where they will attend a family reunion of the Puttkammers. Enjoy your trip.

Jamie Bynoe had a great trip Thursday to Detroit to attend the baseball game between the Detroit Tigers and the Cleveland Indians. He was joined by his cousin, Jordan Groseclose, as well as Austin Davis and Craig Skuft. The Tigers won, and Jamie came home with a lot of treasures.

Bob Benser's two daughters, Leslie and Amy, with their families, have spent the past two weeks on Mackinac. They had a wonderful time at the Fourth of July games on Windermere Point. It was great to see Gracie Irish, Amy's daughter, who is recovering from leukemia. She is doing very well. Uncle Bobby was thrilled to have his nieces and nephews on the Island.

Deana and Glenn St. Onge of Remus spent the Fourth of July on the Island visiting their son, Jason, and friends.

The Dennis Brodeur family from Traverse City spent the holiday weekend on the Island visiting his

mother, Loretta, and Tony Spata. They all had fun at the Fourth of July games on Windermere Point.

The Chicago fleet of sailboats left Saturday, July 14, bound for the finish line at Mackinac Island, which is the old Round Island Lighthouse. The yachts began crossing the finish line Sunday evening. Lloyd Karzen arrived Wednesday to prepare for the race.

Happy birthday to Patty Schoenborn July 19. I'm sure that Lily will help you blow your candles out.

Sunday evening, July 8, the Island and surrounding areas experienced strong thunder, lightning, and high winds. Fortunately, it wasn't as severe as expected. We needed the rain, as our lawns were beginning to turn brown.

We send special birthday wishes July 21 to Pam St. Onge of St. Ignace. Island friends send best wishes.

Cyndi and Skip Kutsop and family of Mountainside, New Jersey, are enjoying a vacation at their Ship Watch condominium in the Mission.

A very happy birthday July 21 to Brenda Bunker and Paul Wandrie Sr. Have a wonderful day.

Andrew and Millicent Reynolds of Washington, D.C., were guests of the Reverend Vince and Molly Carroll this past week. Andy is Deputy Science Advisor to the Secretary of State. During their stay, Andy spoke to Little Stone Church's men's breakfast about global technology issues. The Reynolds have been searching for a retirement property in Petoskey.

Enjoy the beautiful summer evenings!

## COMBINED NOTICE VILLAGE OF MACKINAW CITY NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) and NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

#### Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

Village of Mackinaw City  
102 S. Huron Avenue  
Post Office Box 580  
Mackinaw City, MI 49701  
Telephone: (231) 436-5351

On or about July 23, 2007, the Village of Mackinaw City will request the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Construct neighborhood preservation project for construction of roadway.

\$ 70,000 MSHDA CDBG Funds  
\$ 30,000 Local Funds  
\$100,000

The Village of Mackinaw City will use grant funding to complete the paving of Pond Street from Perrot Street on the east end to Hiawatha Street on the west end and a portion of Perrot Street from Pond Street on the south end to the existing pavement on Perrot Street on the north end. The project does not include administrative fees.

#### NOTICE OF FONSI

The Village of Mackinaw City also gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment; and, accordingly MSHDA has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: No serious environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the Village of Mackinaw City, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review is on file at 102 S. Huron Avenue, Mackinaw City, MI 49701. The records are available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact Jeffrey B. Lawson, Village Manager at (231) 436-5351 for further information.

No further environmental review of such is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

#### Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at the Village of Mackinaw City, whose address is 102 S. Huron Avenue, Mackinaw City, MI 49701 on or before July 20, 2007. All such comments so received will be considered and the Village of Mackinaw City will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

#### Release of Funds

The Village of Mackinaw City will undertake the project described above with CDBG Program funds allocated to the State of Michigan (MSHDA) under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. The Village of Mackinaw City is certifying to MSHDA that the Village of Mackinaw City and Jeffrey B. Lawson in his official capacity as the Village Manager is consenting to accept the jurisdiction of 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, the Village of Mackinaw City may use the CDBG funds and MSHDA will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National environmental Policy Act of 1969.

#### Objections to State and HUD Release of Funds

MSHDA will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; or (c) other specific grounds in HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Carolyn Cunningham, MSHDA at 735 E. Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30044, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after August 8, 2007 will be considered by MSHDA.

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE HERBICIDE PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby provides notice to the public and to property owners adjacent to state highways, of the 2007 Herbicide Application Program for roadside rights-of-way within the counties listed below.

All applications will take place between July 23, 2007 and November 2, 2007.

#### Brush Mowing/Herbicide Application

Location- On state trunk lines (US and M Routes) within Alger, Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft counties, where MDOT determines treatment is needed.

County/Route where the applications will occur:

Alger & Schoolcraft Co.'s - M-28 Shingleton to Seney  
Chippewa & Mackinac Co.'s - I-75 Various Median and Roadside Areas

Treatments will be made for control of light brush in turf areas along the roadsides. Herbicides will generally be applied to areas not routinely maintained by adjacent property owners. All applications will be applied directly to the surface of the cut stems by spray nozzles located beneath the tractor mounted brush cutting deck.

The following herbicide mixture will be utilized for the brush spray application.

Dow AgroSciences Garlon 3A or Garlon 4 (Triclopyr) and Vista (Fluroxypyr 1-methylheptyl ester).

**Do not enter any of the treated areas until the spray has dried.**

All applications will be made by personnel certified by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

For further information regarding these applications, contact:

Ray Roberts, Associate Region Engineer for Operations  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
1818 Third Avenue North  
Escanaba, MI 49829  
Phone: 888-414-6368

This notice is published per Regulation 637 of Michigan's Act 171, Public Acts of 1976, as Amended.

## INVITATION TO BID Moran Township School District

Using Sinking Funds will accept bids from qualified contractors for renovation of:

**Gros Cap School**  
W1828 Gros Cap Road  
Saint Ignace, MI 49781

According to specifications prepared by the engineering firm of:

**G.D. Nitz Associates, Inc.**  
W1353 Pointe LaBarbe Road  
Saint Ignace, MI 49781  
Ph: (906) 643-7060  
Fax: (231) 368-6444  
E-mail: GDNginer@charter.net

The following projects will be individually bid on a lump sum basis:

1. Furnace Replacement
2. Bathroom Fixtures, Plumbing Repair and Electrical Upgrades
3. Interior Wall & Ceiling Repair
4. Flooring
5. Doors & Locks

Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exist between the owner and employees of the bidder and any member of the board of directors of the school or intermediate district, superintendent of the school or intermediate district, or chief executive officer of the district.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on site on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, 11:00 a.m. **Sealed bids will be received by William Peltier, Superintendent, Moran Township School District, W1828 Gros Cap Road, Saint Ignace, MI 49781 until 3:00 p.m. EST, Monday July 30, 2007,** after which No bids will be considered or accepted. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid Documents are available by contacting the Engineer at the above address upon payment of \$20 per set.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities in the bidding process and to accept bids in the Owner's best interest.