

St. Ignace

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Writing for Miriam Blair

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animal shelter can always use donations of paper towels, bleach, dog toys, cat toys, dog collars, and leashes. Ginger Valentine, Mackinac County Animal Shelter manager, reminds us that if temperatures are dropping rapidly, please bring pets inside, and don't bring your pet on errands and leave it in the cold car. She says that animals can freeze to death outside in the cold winter air. Ginger invites everyone to come check out the shelter and visit the animals.

Another opportunity for giving is to donate items such as flour, oatmeal, pasta, sugar, salt, syrup, cooking oil, canned goods, toilet paper, mustard, cereal, and ketchup to the St. Ignace Food Pantry. The food pantry is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Hope Chest has adult clothing, children's clothing, and baby items. They also have kitchen items. If you would like to donate items to the Hope Chest, remember to go around to the back door, as all donations are taken there. The phone number for the Hope Chest and St. Ignace Food Pantry is 643-7360, and the hotline number is 643-6780.

The St. Ignace Public Library has the St. Ignace pictorial history books available for \$19.99 plus tax, and librarian Cindy Patten says that there are still plenty of books left in time for Christmas. Proceeds of the volunteer project benefit the library. The St. Ignace Public Library will be closed Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday, January 1, to observe the holidays.

Belated happy birthday to Jackie Lee and Jared Fenlon December 15 and Gene Clark December 22. Birthday wishes to Annette Bloswick December 24, Cheryl Sheehy December 26, John Bloswick December 27, Kathy Kittell, Kathy Wells, and Ruby Schaffer December 28, Jim Durm December 29, and Martin Donajkowski December 30.

Enjoy your Christmas and have a happy New Year!

Council Proceedings (Unofficial)

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, December 15, 2008 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: Councilmembers Della-Moretta, Fullerton, Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson, Council members LaLonde, Tamlyn-Massaway, Wyse, Mayor Grondin.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Eric Dodson, City Manager; Prentiss M. Brown, Jr., City Attorney; Renee' Vonderwerth, City Clerk; Eugene Elmer, Assessor/Treasurer; Les Therrian, Superintendent of Utilities; Tim Matelski, Chief of Police; Deb Evashevski, DDA Director; Paul Sved, Bldg. Insp.

Corrections of December 1, 2008 Council Meeting: None.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2008 were approved as written.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

1. PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET:

It was moved by Councilmember LaLonde, seconded by Council-member Wyse to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

After hearing comments from the public, it was moved by Councilmember Wyse, seconded by Councilmember LaLonde to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

2. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #617 - 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL:

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Gustafson, seconded by Councilmember LaLonde to adopt Ordinance No. 617.

Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Councilmember Fullerton, Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson, Councilmembers LaLonde, Tamlyn-Massaway, Wyse, Mayor Grondin, Councilmember Della-Moretta.

No: None.

Absent: None.

At this time, Mayor Grondin stated that the adoption of Ordinance No. 617 complies with the provision in the Charter.

3. 2008 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that at the next Council meeting a list of budget adjustments addressing deficits would be presented to Council for approval.

In addition, a comprehensive monthly report will be provided at the second meeting of each month consisting of data compiled by the City Clerk and himself indicating the overall status of the funds.

4. MAJOR STREETS DISCUSSION:

City Manager Dodson informed Council that the Mayor and he had an opportunity to meet with the Director of MDOT, and one issue they addressed was the status of the stimulus package in 2009. In addition, he brought Council's attention to the Budget Report, referring to the Major and Local Street section, and reviewed the information provided regarding the status of the streets and funds.

At this time, Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson offered some suggestions for consideration by Administration to help address the deficit situation in the street funds, adding that a comprehensive report needs to be prepared and presented to Council for informed decision-making.

5. WATER/SEWER UPDATE:

City Manager Dodson updated Council on the status of the Water and Sewer funds, stating they are maintaining in the black. However, the Water Fund has a substantial bond payment due by January 1, 2009 and will negatively affect the numbers.

6. BUS STATION UPDATE:

City Manager Dodson updated Council on the status of the Bus Station and reviewed the comprehensive schedule provided in the packets.

In addition, biweekly meetings will be held to update everyone involved on the progress of the building, adding that next meeting will be held on January 7, 2009 and encouraged the Real Estate Committee and Councilmembers to attend.

7. MARLEY STREET WATER TOWER IMPROVEMENTS:

City Manager Dodson stated that the Marley Street water tower is in need of general maintenance and presented a proposed contract agreement from Dixon Engineering for Consulting and Inspection services at a cost of \$2800.00.

It was moved by Councilmember Fullerton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson to accept the contract with Dixon Engineering at a cost of \$2800.00 and proceed with developing bid specs.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. POLICE CONTRACT RATIFICATION:

City Manager Dodson reviewed the recommendation from the Negotiation Committee regarding Police negotiations, including a 2.5 percent increase annually for the next three years, receiving the same health benefits as the other bargaining unit, and a one-half percent reduction in employee contribution toward their retirement premium.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Gustafson, seconded by Mayor Grondin to accept the recommendations from the Negotiation Committee and approve the Police Union Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

9. AUTHORIZATON TO PAY YEAR-END BILLS:

City Manager Dodson requested the annual authorization to pay all year-end bills.

It was moved by Mayor Grondin, seconded by Councilmember Della-Moretta to authorize the payment of all year-end bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bills

Councilmember LaLonde inquired into the bill from Mackinaw Art & Sign for covers on signs, asking if it was charged to the DDA or Marina. Deb Evashevski stated that the boardwalk sign was charged against the DDA and the marina sign was charged against the Marina, adding that it is important that the covers be on the signs to protect the investment.

Public Comment:

Donna Pope addressed her concerns to Council regarding Charter Cable TV, stating that some popular programs have been eliminated from the basic line up, and Charter is charging to add them back. City Manager Dodson stated that he would call the City's representative from Charter and have them call her.

Also at this time, Dean Baker added that the discussion on the long-term road maintenance program was one of the best discussions he has heard in a long time.

Merv Wyse commended the DDA and those that worked on getting the City's Christmas tree looking better than it has in years, adding that it does look good coming into town.

Donna Pope also stated that the DPW is doing a good job plowing and keeping the road open.

The following bills were presented to Council for payment:

- Ace Hardware713.67
- Airgas North Central68.90

- All-Phase Electric Supply Co.77.04
- Alltel161.99
- Ascom North407.00
- AT&T320.80
- AT&T Mobility508.13
- Baker College of Cadillac266.30
- Cheboygan Lumber Company ...9.29
- Cintas-72965.83
- City of St. Ignace Water Dept. 982.46
- Edison Sault Electric Co.21,748.18
- Etna Supply Co.1768.97
- Gall's Inc.108.80
- Harris475.00
- Icemann Arena, Inc.166.25
- Kimball-Midwest401.78
- KSS Enterprises-Petoskey682.11
- Lipnitz True Value/Moran Lumber12.53
- Lynn Auto Parts1280.37
- Mackinac Plumbing & Heating Co.1057.91
- Mackinac Sales507.00
- Mackinaw Art & Sign1006.50
- Michigan Office Solutions159.68
- Mission Awards, Inc.48.75
- National Office Products1495.89
- NCL of Wisconsin, Inc.1679.58

- OTIS2082.22
- Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.672.60
- Pomasl Fire Equipment57.29
- Quartermaster170.96
- Safety Kleen Corp.184.56
- Sault Printing Company, Inc.56.12
- SEMCO Energy8593.93
- Spartan Stores5.69
- St. Ignace Automotive1106.18
- St. Ignace News853.20
- St. Ignace True Value927.14
- Straits Area Glass13.50
- Straits Building Center1418.67
- Waste Management7983.69
- Waste Management of Wisconsin571.80
- Wilcox Professional Services LLC2630.73
- Wright Express3521.82
- Total67,330.81

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Mayor Paul Grondin
Renee' Vonderwerth, City Clerk

Clark Township Minutes

Clark Township Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
December 8, 2008
3:45 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 3:45 p.m.

Trustees Present: Hill, Miller, Lofdahl, Carpenter, Wellnitz

Lofdahl moved to amend the agenda to discuss the grinder pumps and lift pump stations. Carpenter supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Lofdahl moved to approve the agenda as amended. Carpenter supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Lofdahl moved to go into Closed Session. Carpenter supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Miller, Carpenter, Hill, Lofdahl, Wellnitz. Motion Carried.

Closed Session

Lofdahl moved to go back into Open Session at 4:45 p.m. Wellnitz supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Miller, Hill, Carpenter, Lofdahl, Wellnitz. Motion Carried.

Lofdahl moved that the Township offer the Metzgers \$138,000 for everything to cover all expenses at this point in our settlement. Hill supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Miller, Hill, Carpenter, Lofdahl, Wellnitz. Motion Carried.

Lofdahl moved that the Board ok that Gerald Hill and Katie Carpenter speak with Jim Murray as soon as possible regarding a millage to raise money for paying off this suit that we're subjected to. Miller supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wellnitz, Carpenter, Hill, Lofdahl, Miller. Motion Carried.

Hill moved to adjourn. Carpenter supported. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Mackinac Island Planning Commission

There will be a public hearing to receive comments and discussion regarding the proposed amendment to Article 5 of the City of Mackinac Island Land Use Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 278, as amended (non-conforming uses and structures) on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Mackinac Island, Michigan.

Kelly M. Bean
Planning Commission Secretary

NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

Property #	Owner	*Parties of Interest	Base Due	Property #	Owner	*Parties of Interest	Base Due
011-130-003-20	COOK JOHN COOK THERESA L	*EDISON SAULT ELECTRIC *CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC *MDOT REAL ESTE DIVISION	117.52	051-700-001-00	HAGENBAUGH EUGENE L HAGENBAUGH MELANIE	*FIRST NAT'L BANK OF ST IGNACE	4,053.00
011-131-013-00	GROVE JASON P GROVE KIM M	*GREENTREE FINANCIAL *CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC *CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP	866.19	052-002-013-10	HOBAN KATHERINE		68.99
011-425-005-20	HEIDT KIMBERLY	*DISCOVER BANK	631.87	052-006-054-00	CMS PROPERTIES		9,191.41
011-550-016-00	FULGENZI NANCY INC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	239.69	052-107-006-00	MACKINAC ABSTRACT & TITLE CO		2,581.87
011-550-094-00	FULGENZI NANCY INC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	5,011.97	052-160-017-00	HUGHEY DUANE G HUGHEY CINDY	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,068.30
011-550-110-00	FULGENZI NANCY INC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK *SORRELS FRANK	6,720.49	052-280-015-00	JAMES MUSICK	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,299.75
011-550-116-10	FULGENZI NANCY INC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK *SORRELS FRANK	92.53	052-700-059-00	MACKINAC STRAITS PROPERTIES	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	13,392.26
011-660-092-10	SOBLASKEY JAMES SOBLASKEY AQUITA J		701.63	052-725-002-00	MERIT MATRIX LLC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,395.24
051-550-040-00	ALFORD THELMA ESTATE HAGENBAUGH MELANIE		8,779.02	052-725-005-00	MERIT MATRIX LLC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,395.24
051-575-064-00	ALFORD THELMA ESTATE HAGENBAUGH MELANIE	*DOUG HELGA	8,018.38	052-725-007-00	MERIT MATRIX LLC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,395.24
051-575-072-00	ALFORD THELMA ESTATE HAGENBAUGH MELANIE	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK *MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION	831.46	052-725-008-00	MERIT MATRIX LLC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,395.24
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				052-725-011-00	MERIT MATRIX LLC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,395.24
				052-725-012-00	MERIT MATRIX LLC	*FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,395.24