

# History of St. Ignace Mayors and Councilmembers Since 1882, Compiled by Paul Grondin

Mayor Paul Grondin has completed a list of St. Ignace city councilmembers since 1882, the year St. Ignace was incorporated as a city. In his project to compile all officers since then, he has completed the list of city managers, clerks, and attorneys of record.

He presented the list of councilmembers at the city council meeting Monday, December 1, in chronological and alphabetical order.

Of the 45 mayors who have served St. Ignace, 12 served as a councilman beforehand, including Mr. Grondin, and one, John Donnelly, served on the council after his term as mayor. He was mayor from 1954 to 1957 and served on the council from 1962 to 1965.

Since 1882, only four women have served on the St. Ignace City Council, beginning with Jean Kalbfleisch, who served from 1970 to 1980. The other three women are Debra Weiss, from 1985 until 1991, Donna Pope, from 1992 to 2002, and Susan Tamlyn-Massaway, from 2001 to the present.

Sarah Tamlyn served as mayor from 1973 to 1983.

The late Roy Carlson holds the record for most years on the city council, 30. He served from 1950 to 1966 and from 1970 to 1984.

Don Gustafson holds the record for most years served consecutively, with 24. He was first elected in 1985 and continues to serve.

The charter council, which was elected into office March 23, 1882, included Hyacinth Chenier, Horatio

Crain, William Hintz, Ignatius Reagon, Louis Ryerse, and A.M. Withrow. Brooks B. Hazelton was the mayor.

## Village Trustees, Aldermen, and Council Members

### Village and City of St. Ignace

March 23, 1882, the first charter election took place in the village. Polls opened at 10 a.m., and Daniel Kanter cast the first ballot.

March 1882: VILLAGE: Hyacinth Chenier, Horatio Crain, William Hintz, Ignatius Reagon, Louis Ryerse, A.M. Withrow. President Brooks B. Hazelton.

April 1883: CITY: Joseph M. Burdette, L.P. Dodge, S. Highstone, Otis W. Johnson, Henry M. Mason, H.A.N. Todd. Mayor Andrew Foley.

April 1884: Joseph M. Burdette, Chester S. Carr, Henry M. Mason, Andrew McKay, Ignatius Reagon, Jesse H. Warren. Mayor Andrew Foley.

April 1885: William J. Brown, Joseph M. Burdette, Levi H. Dunhour, Andrew McKay, Ignatius Reagon, James B. Tamlyn. Mayor Michael F. Mulcrone.

April 1886: David L. Bishop, William Brooks, S. Highstone, Andrew McKay, William Saulson, James B. Tamlyn. Mayor Otis W. Johnson.

April 1887: David L. Bishop, William Brooks, S. Highstone, C. Faut, Andrew McKay, Thomas F. Madden, M.A. Metivier, James B. Tamlyn, Jesse H. Warren. Mayor James Reid.

April 1888: C. Faut, Thomas Goulding, John LeReaux, Andrew McKay, M.A. Metivier, James Russell,

James B. Tamlyn. Mayor William Saulson.

April 1889: James Connors, Joseph Conrad, Thomas Goulding, Charles Kynoch, John LeReaux, Samuel D. Mills, Michael Murray, James Russell. Mayor Martin Jamieson.

April 1890: Joseph M. Burdette, Joseph Conrad, Thomas Johnson, Clark J. McArthur, Samuel D. Mills, John Mulcrone, Michael Murray, Julius O'Brien. Mayor Michael Chambers.

April 1891: Joseph M. Burdette, John Fritchen, Louis Goudreau, Clark J. McArthur, John Mulcrone, Michael Murray, Julius O'Brien, Eleazer Sherwood. Mayor Michael Chambers.

April 1892: James J. Brown, John Fritchen, Thomas Goulding, Ernest Harrington, James D. McClintock, Michael Murray, Eleazer Sherwood, Thomas Sullian. Mayor Schulliar S. Farrell.

April 1893: Alexander Bath, James J. Brown, Thomas Goulding, Ernest Harrington, Charles Kynoch, Michael Lennon, Thomas Sullivan, Thomas Woodfield. Mayor Eleazer Sherwood.

April 1894: Alexander Bath, Michael P. Chambers, John Dodd, Thomas Goulding, John Hoy, Charles Kynoch, James D. McClintock, Thomas Woodfield. Mayor Eleazer Sherwood.

April 1895: John Dodd, Thomas Gleason, Thomas Goulding, E.H. Hotchkiss, John S. LaRue, James D. McClintock, George Sayles, William St. James. Mayor James Connors.

April 1896: James Campbell, David W. English, James Flynn, Thomas Gleason, E.H. Hotchkiss, George Sayles, William St. James, James B.

Tamlyn. Mayor John Mulcrone.

April 1897: Joseph M. Burdette, James M. Campbell, E. Myron Chamberlain, David W. English, James Flynn, Thomas Gleason, Robert A. Rutherford, James B. Tamlyn. Mayor John Mulcrone.

April 1898: Joseph M. Burdette, James M. Campbell, E. Myron Chamberlain, Alexander Fair, Thomas Fitzgerald, Thomas Gleason, Robert A. Rutherford, Charles C. Ryerse. Mayor Thomas F. Madden.

April 1899: Joseph M. Burdette, James M. Campbell, Charles H. Eby, Alexander Fair, Thomas S. Fitzgerald, James F. Jamieson, Robert A. Rutherford, Charles C. Ryerse. Mayor Judson B. Clark.

April 1900: Daniel Bannatyne, Joseph M. Burdette, John Daniels, Charles H. Eby, James F. Jamieson, John S. LaRue, Archibald Reavie Sr., Robert A. Rutherford. Mayor Eli Brizette.

April 1901: Daniel Bannatyne, James M. Campbell, John Daniels, Charles H. Eby, James F. Jamieson, John S. LaRue, Archibald Reavie Sr., James Sorenson. Mayor Michael Chambers.

April 1902: James M. Campbell, John Dodd, Charles H. Eby, James F. Jamieson, John S. LaRue, Michael McGrath, Harry L. Monteith, James Sorenson. Mayor William St. James.

April 1903: James M. Campbell, John Dodd, Charles H. Eby, John S. LaRue, Michael McGrath, Harry L. Monteith, Archibald Reavie Sr., Frederick W. Shaver. Mayor William St. James.

April 1904: James M. Campbell, Charles H. Eby, John S. LaRue, Harry L. Monteith, Archibald Reavie Sr., Frederick W. Shaver, Frank Sorenson, Eugene Therrien. Mayor William St. James.

April 1905: John Carlson, Charles H. Eby, John Kolar, John S. LaRue, Harry L. Monteith, John Soucie, Frank Vallier, Eugene Therrien. Mayor Edgar H. Hotchkiss.

April 1906: James Burns, Charles H. Eby, John Fritchen, John Kolar, John S. LaRue, Silas J. Smith, John Soucie, Eugene Therrien, Frank Vallier. Mayor Edgar H. Hotchkiss.

April 1907: George H. Bobier, James Burns, Charles H. Eby, Alexander Fair, Archibald M. Grant, John Kolar, John S. LaRue, Clarence W. Rogers, Frank Vallier. Mayor Peter J. Murray.

April 1908: Charles Anderson, George H. Bobier, James Burns, James Flynn, Archibald M. Grant, John Kolar, George Litchard, Patrick McNally, George Rapin. Mayor Peter J. Murray.

April 1909: Charles Anderson, James Burns, Neil Docherty, James Flynn, Archibald M. Grant, John Kolar, George Litchard Victor Matson. Mayor Peter J. Murray.

April 1910: George H. Bobier, Neil Docherty, Charles Fair, Archibald M. Grant, George Litchard, Edward McNamara, Victor Matson, Joseph Paquin. Mayor Charles H. Machia.

April 1911: George H. Bobier, Neil Docherty, Charles Fair, Archibald M. Grant, John L'Amiott, Edward McNamara, Victor Matson, Joseph Paquin. Mayor Charles H. Machia.

April 1912: Neil Docherty, Archibald M. Grant, John A. Jamieson, John L'Amiott, Victor Matson, John Rhodes, George W. Sayles, Joseph Paquin. Mayor Thomas J. Furlong Jr.

April 1913: Charles H. Eby, Allen G. Hulbert, John A. Jamieson, Frederick H. Johnson, John L'Amiott, Joseph Paquin, John Rhodes, George W. Sayles. Mayor Walter G. Wing.

April 1914: Charles H. Eby, Allen G. Hulbert, Frederick H. Johnson, John L'Amiott, William McLeod, John W. Quance, John Rhodes, Frank Vallier. Mayor Walter G. Wing.

April 1915: Charles E. Johnson, Frederick H. Johnson, James LaFever, William McLeod, Frank Mosher, John W. Quance, John Rhodes, Frank Vallier. Mayor Walter G. Wing.

April 1916: George H. Bobier, Robert Daly, William Dolan, Charles E. Johnson, Frederick H. Johnson, James LaFever, Frank Mosher, Frank Vallier. Mayor William L. Chambers.

April 1917: George H. Bobier, Robert Daly, William Dolan, Charles E. Johnson, Adolphus LaLonde, Harry L. Monteith, John W. Quance, Frank Vallier. Mayor Walter G. Wing.

April 1918: George H. Bobier, Robert Daly, William Dolan, Charles E. Johnson, Adolphus LaLonde, Harry L. Monteith, John W. Quance, Frank Vallier. Mayor Walter G. Wing.

April 1919: Edward Balbough, Mel Barber, Paul Krause, John McNamara, Victor Matson, Joseph Paquin, Edward A. Reavie, George W. Sayles. Mayor Louis P. Walker.

April 1920: Edward Balbough,

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### St. Ignace History Book a Pleasure

To the Editor:

Since Cindy Patten at the St. Ignace Public Library tells me I am the first person to order the St. Ignace history book, "Images of America, St. Ignace," I feel moved to write and encourage others to order this book.

My husband and I have thoroughly enjoyed the book over and over again. I purchased it at the All-class Reunion this summer (class of 1968) and enjoyed getting into it on the plane back to Phoenix. It is still on the stand next to my husband's favorite chair, so we can take a look often. My husband is a retired history teacher, so of course it is fun for him, too.

Although he is from Oregon, and his heart is there in the summer, he loves to visit the Mackinac Straits with me. He reads the history parts of the paper with me, too. His first trip to "town" with

me was spent seeing a lot of the historical sites. We still do some of that on every trip to Michigan, which lately has been every summer.

If you have not taken a look at this book – on display at the library – please do. You will enjoy what it has for you. There is something for all of you in this book, a great idea to show off our town. My heart is still there, too, even though I left 40 years ago.

My dad is featured in the book in a photo I had never seen before. What a nice surprise. You may have the same experience, but you won't know that until you visit Cindy and take a look at this book. Happy reading.

Patty Cronan Brooks  
Scottsdale, Arizona

*Editor's note: The library has sold more than 400 of the books since it went on sale October 30.*

### Property Owners Are Commuters, Too

To the Editor:

This is regarding the letter to the editor about "Expiring Bridge Cards" in the paper December 25, 2008, about the new law in Michigan regarding gift cards.

We own property in Brevort Township in Mackinac County. We live in Mount Pleasant. We cross the bridge numerous times during the year, maintaining our property and trying to enjoy our property because of everything we have invested into it.

We bought the new \$80 commuter card because we trusted the Mackinac Bridge Authority. In these troubled economic times, we purchased the card with trust and

intended to use it in 2009. [It is] money spent to cover our trips across the bridge when money is short. A card already paid for should not be eliminated. Please keep this new law in mind.

We pay high taxes to the county and intend to spend money shopping when we are up there. Why are you even considering limiting our trips and including us in your group, and why not give the property owners rights to the commuter passes at a discount, instead of cutting us out along with all of the visitors that have no obligations to the county?

Kathy Routheaux  
Mount Pleasant

### Clark Twp. Asked To Support Local DDA

To the Editor:

The Clark Township Board has a wonderful opportunity to shape the quality and attractiveness of the Les Cheneaux Islands now and for future years. We have a geographical delight found nowhere else in the United States. If we don't encourage others to visit and hopefully live here our community will continue to decline, as evidenced by the loss of businesses, jobs, and young families. Since 1995, our school enrollment has declined nearly 40%, resulting in teachers and administrators losing their jobs. Schools are an excellent measure of a community's prosperity and success, and by that measure we are failing. Think about how many families in our community have grown children who have had to move away to find proper employment to raise their young families. When the existing businesses are able to grow and hire more people, when others are able to start new businesses and grow, all our families will be better off. This is a basic

economic principle that seems to be lost in our community. In the past couple of years I have watched as members of our community who do not want any change have actively opposed real opportunities for growth. My sense is that this opposition will continue. Those of us who depend on this area for our income need to recognize and encourage growth because without growth, we stagnate and fail as a community.

The Downtown Development Authority Ordinance will present some administrative challenges but all new opportunities have challenges to overcome. Other nearby communities have benefited greatly with similar plans, and I am certain that we will, too.

I urge the members of the Clark Township board to give this ordinance approval and to once again welcome opportunities that will be of great benefit our Les Cheneaux Islands communities.

John Grenier  
Hessel

## Michigan Politics

By  
George Weeks



### Spotlights Shine on Granholm, Weaver

In Michigan politics highlights last week, Democratic Governor Jennifer Granholm had a prominent role on the national scene and Republican Supreme Court Justice Betty Weaver had a pivotal one on the state scene.

For the second time in his transition to the White House, President-elect Barack Obama enlisted Granholm for cheerleader gigs on national TV to tout his economic plans. She once again denied current interest in joining his cabinet.

Also last week, a decade of GOP leadership of Michigan's highest court ended when Weaver cast the key vote in the 4-3 ballot that made Democrat Marilyn Kelly chief justice on the bench where Republicans now have a 4-3 edge after voters ousted Republican Chief Justice Cliff Taylor. Weaver holds the balance of court power.

There has been speculation that Granholm might be the first Michigan governor to get a cabinet post since Republican George Romney in 1969 became President Nixon's secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Granholm's name surfaced earlier about heading the Energy or Labor departments, and more recently about Commerce, when New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson withdrew after being appointed.

When Obama in Chicago earlier announced his economic team, Granholm, who supported Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Democratic presidential primary, was at his elbow and subsequently gave glowing national media interviews. Last week, Granholm was among Democratic governors assembled in Fairfax, Virginia, for Obama's economic stimulus speech.

Hailing Obama's initiatives, she said on CNN: "After the speech that he gave he brought all of the governors back and he said, I think, the five best words that I heard come from the federal government, which is 'help is on the way.'"

In her most forceful disavowal of interest in joining the Obama administration before serving out her second and final term, Granholm, according to a *Detroit News* report from Fairfax, said:

"I've told them I want to stay as governor of Michigan. I've got two more years, and we have this huge opportunity to hopefully see net [economic] growth by 2010."

The opportunity might not be all that huge. Soaring jobless rates and slumping state revenues were pre-

dicted last week by assorted government forecasters.

It's not often that political power players of the judicial branch get as much attention as those in the executive branch (where Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson is adding spice to a high profile field of 2010 GOP prospects) or the legislative branch (where Democrats in 2008 tightened their control of the House).

But a major surprise last year was the stunning defeat of Republican Chief Justice Cliff Taylor by Wayne County Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway. He had the financial advantage and the supposed advantage of being designated as an incumbent on the ballot. But environmentalists and others trumpeted him as an unfriendly incumbent, and Democrats touted Hathaway on their Obama mailings.

Enter Weaver.

She could have kept the court under GOP administrative rule by joining Republican justices Maura Corrigan and Stephen Markman in voting for fellow Republican Robert Young Jr., who lost the 4-3 vote to Kelly. That was never an option for Weaver, who long feuded with the "Engler Four" Republicans on transparency and other issues, and was a target of Young barbs.

Republican State Chairman Saul Anuzis called Weaver's vote "a disappointing move."

"Weaver will be the balance of power on the court," says Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics* newsletter, noting that many of the decisions will be on 4-3 votes and which side wins will depend on her.

In fact, Weaver now has a more pivotal role on the court than she did when she was 1999-2000 chief justice.

Kelly, 70, is the fifth woman to serve as the court's chief justice. With the election of Hathaway, women now outnumber men on the court, four to three.

Last year, in an interview with Hathaway in Traverse City, I asked her if she was concerned about the advantage that the incumbency designation would give Taylor on the ballot.

She smiled and said Taylor should be concerned about having a woman opposite him on the ballot.

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