

Trustees Purchase Work Truck, Airport Plowing Bid Awarded

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Other residents at the meeting asked what the cost to taxpayers would be and questioned if the payback the wind turbine would supply would be worth it.

After the cost of hooking the turbine up to the electric grid, estimated by Mr. McMaken at between \$1,200 and \$1,500, Green Energy Solutions would provide maintenance for one year, and the township would be responsible after that. The turbine itself has a five-year warranty, Mr. McMaken said, and blades typically don't need to be replaced for 20 years.

"These wind turbines are pretty much maintenance-free," he said. They could continue to operate in the off-season, as well, providing the township with an energy credit for whatever electricity is generated and plugged back into the grid.

The Windspire unit is manufactured in Manistee by Mariah Power, Mr. McMaken said, and supporting that local industry is another good reason to find a

good place for the wind turbine.

"It's just a neat thing; something to help promote jobs in the state and use something that is built in Michigan," he said. "I thought it was an easy way to show some support for it. We want to do these types of things for our community. It shows your community can sustain itself and shows we are a healthy community that is doing these kind of projects."

Mr. McMaken said he would continue to work with the township to find a location for the wind turbine, and would also discuss the donation of solar-powered electricity and water-heating systems for Hessel Marina. His company is also looking into grant funding to provide other wind-power systems to the township hall and sewer lagoons.

"They have a really high electric bill up there," Mr. McMaken said of the sewer lagoons. "Why not harness the wind up there to offset some of that power bill."

Using alternative energy to mitigate the township's electrical costs would also put them on the

top of the list for federal and state money coming in meant to encourage just such development, he said.

New Work Truck

Trustees approved the purchase of a 2010 Ford one-ton work truck for \$26,975 and voted to amend the budget to pay for it from the general fund before the end of the year. The truck will be used to plow and service all township projects except for the sewer plant, which has its own funding source.

It is being purchased from Mackinac Sales in St. Ignace and will join three other trucks, one that is three years old, one four years old, and one eight years old. To minimize its use, this oldest truck will now be used only as a sand-spreader in the winter.

Airport Plowing

Rudy Sherlund was awarded the bid for pushing back large snowbanks at the township airport. The company bid \$80 per hour for work with a loader and \$90 per hour for work with a

plow. A second company made similarly priced bids, but was declined by trustees because of a lack of liability insurance.

Township Treasurer Katie Carpenter pointed out that the township has never paid for plowing by the hour before, and warned there is a possibility it could cost the township more.

Meetings Moved to 6 p.m.

On a 3-2 vote, the board of trustees decided to change its monthly meeting time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the months of December through March. Dissenting votes were cast by Mr. Miller and Mrs. Carpenter, who cited personal conflicts as reasons the earlier time did not work as well. Meetings will return to 7 p.m. for the board's first meeting in April.

Clark Township Board of Trustees meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at Clark Township Hall. These meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, December 17.

Future of East Bluff Steps Questioned, No Action Taken on Moratorium Appeal

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steps, belong to Rowe Condominium," said Mr. Evashevski. "We looked into it and we are unable to determine who built the steps or who owns the steps, but they have been used by the public forever. Absent better history, the only conclusion we can come to is the bottom steps belong to Rowe Condominium."

The city owns one of the six Rowe condominiums, which it has been trying to sell for several years.

Over the years, neither the park, city, nor condominium owners have maintained the concrete lower steps. The stairway is owned and maintained by Mackinac Island State Park, said Mayor Margaret Doud, although the park is not willing to accept the cement steps.

"I think it would be a terrible thing to have them [state park] take them out," said Alderman Dan Wightman, who lives at the foot of the stairway and uses the stairs almost daily.

Alderman Mike Hart agreed that the steps have a history of use. "I don't want to see them disappear," he said. "They are obviously something people come to expect. They are something people need."

He did, however, have reservations in accepting the easement.

"The reason there is hesitation on my part is the liability question," he said, "and also maintaining, and replacing at some point, those steps is going to cost money."

Liability costs, said Mr. Evashevski, make it nearly impossible for a private owner to accept the responsibility of the stairway.

"What we need to understand is that no private owner would assume that liability," he said. "So if it is going to be maintained for the public, it has to be maintained by a public entity. We're the only public entity that could take that on, if the state park is not willing to. We either accept this offer and take it on or we say no, in which case that property belongs to Rowe apartments, and it's likely that they would be removed because they feel it is a liability to them."

If the easement were ap-

proved, he said, the condominiums would be able to continue to use the land for setback requirements. The condominiums also requested that the city not add bicycle racks in the easement area.

"We can say that the council so decides we don't have any intention of putting in bike racks," said Mr. Evashevski, "but we can't commit future councils as to what they do with public rights-of-ways."

Mayor Doud suggested a representative from the state park also be invited to the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting to discuss the matter.

Save Our Island

Council received a letter from attorney Eric Starck, representing the Save Our Island group, encouraging the city to place a moratorium on building demolition to prevent McNally Cottage from being torn down. The group also asked Council to discuss the issue "to keep the citizens of Mackinac Island fully informed and to help deter the dissemination of inaccurate information with regard to the McNally Cottage and the Historic Ordinance."

Council filed the correspondence, but did not act upon or discuss it.

In October, developer Ira Green received a permit to relocate or demolish the Main Street house. A three-story hotel and retail complex is planned to replace the it.

Also not discussed at Wednesday's council meeting were letters sent to the mayor and to Mr. Hart, who chairs the Historic Study Committee. Copies of the letters were also given to The St. Ignace News.

The Save Our Island group, said Mr. Starck in the letter to Mayor Doud, sought to demonstrate its commitment to preserving McNally Cottage by pledging \$10,000 to assist the city in the defense of any lawsuit filed by the owners of the property as a result of a moratorium being enacted by the council.

In other business, Council approved the disposal of 1,000 shares of Stonecliffe Entertainment stock belonging to Jane Bacon and issuance of 1,000

shares to Karen Pulte, a requirement so that the Michigan State Liquor Control Commission can transfer a Resort Class C liquor license with dance permit on the premises. The perfunctory resolution relates to a change in ownership of the hotel.

The city will purchase 12 new lamppost globes. Six have been damaged in recent wind storms. Each lamp costs about \$135. The city last purchased them in 2006 and paid \$112 each.

Ice Rescue equipment will be ordered for \$4,107 using funds donated to the city.

Alderman Jason St. Onge said he has concerns about loud music this summer coming from the outdoor tent at the Inn at Stonecliffe. The music stops around 10 p.m., he said, but this was the first year he has heard it at his residence about one-quarter of a mile away. He also said it appears an addition was added to the tent this year. Building inspector Dennis Dombroski said

he would look into it, and Mayor Doud said the city will monitor it next season and, if necessary, discuss the matter with management.

A temporary motor vehicle permit was issued to Mission Point Resort for the delivery of propane.

A temporary motor vehicle permit was issued for Built on Demand Gutter Solutions of Marion to install gutters on St. Martin's Place on Market Street.

A temporary motor permit will be issued to Michigan Gutters of Traverse City to install gutters on the Millennium Wing at Grand Hotel pending the business obtaining an Island business license.

Two off-Island business licenses were approved for L & H Utility Contractors of Kingsford and J. T. Underground of East Tawas.

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WATERSHED Coordinator Position Opening. Outgoing persons with degree in a natural resources/environmental field (some aquatic biology necessary) may apply. The position is a grant funded full-time watershed technician working with the Munuscong River Watershed Management Plan. Must have own vehicle, be computer literate, and willing to work some evenings and weekends. Start date- January 4, 2010. Send resume with references to Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District, 2847 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Deadline for resume submission is December 4, 2009.

TITLE VII Native Coordinator: Four hours per day Monday through Thursday, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning December 1, 2009. Must meet No Child Left Behind paraprofessional requirements or possess Michigan Teaching Certificate. The position will assist secondary students with academic curriculum. Interested persons should send resume to Amy Scott, Superintendent, Les Cheneaux Community Schools, P.O. Box 366, Cedarville, MI 49719 by Monday, November 30, 2009.

WANTED: ARTISTS to paint chairs for 2010 "Chairs for Charity" auction. Contact 906-643-8717 for details.

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Happy Ads

Jim, Happy, happy birthday November 29. We hope you have a very happy and special day.

The Chocolate Society
Pancake breakfast will be held at the Mackinac Grille, Sunday, December 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds for the Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive.

Jewelry-making class Monday, December 7, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Great Waters Center, 2 North State Street, St. Ignace. Make a bracelet for yourself or a gift. To register phone 906-643-8717.

Stamping, scrapbooking, and knitting classes at Victorian Village, St. Ignace. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone 906-643-8175.

Timmy Lee's Pub is serving Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings Thursday, November 26, starting at 2 p.m. Phone 906-643-8344.

Big Jackpot Bingo! Every Tuesday at the Moose Lodge, 5:45 p.m. early bird, 6:30 p.m. regular. Food available.

Quentin's Barber Shop open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For cuts Saturdays or for other times, phone 906-643-7888.

Helen, We hope you have a wonderful 91st birthday December 2.

News Crew
Friday Fish Fry, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Moose Lodge! Enjoy whitefish, perch, shrimp, and chicken.

Gayle, Wishing you a very happy birthday November 29. Hope you have a wonderful day!

The U.P. Group
No such thing as a free lunch? Yes, there is! Register for our weekly free lunch drawing at the Driftwood. Enter your name in the dining room, or the Sports Bar. We'll pick a lucky lunch winner out of the jar every week. This week's winner is **Matt Dumas.**

Donation drop boxes for the toy drive are located at all First National Bank offices, The St. Ignace News, U.P. State Credit Union, True Value, Ace, and Central Savings Bank or a gift by mail to: Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive (M.C.C.T.D.), c/o Wendy Colegrove, 152 Bertrand Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781. Phone 906-643-7456 for more information.

Class of 1975 meeting December 16, Driftwood, 6 p.m. Discuss reunion plans.

Rosemary's Hair Gallery 25th anniversary and open house December 16 through December 19. Weekly drawings throughout December. Phone 906-643-9555.

LeRoy's Hair Salon holiday open house, Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome with great gift ideas.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. We hope that you have a safe and happy holiday.
From all of us at The St. Ignace News



Dave & Lois Movalson
 December 1st
 Dave, Jr., Tracy,
 Eric, Kelli,
 Amanda & Zach

The family of Orma Clark would like to thank our friends and family who have supported us during our loss. All the prayers, cards, food, love and your presence are deeply appreciated.

Thank you to everyone at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care Facility, the doctors and nurses who took such loving care of Orma. A special thank you to Reverend Wayne Foote for the wonderful funeral message. Also, the visits from Father Pawel Mecwel and Father Jim Williams, Susan Massaway for the help setting up the luncheon at the Catholic Center. Bruce and Carolyn Dodson for their compassion and thoughtfulness. Thank you to all and God Bless.

*Deacon Don and Zoe Olmstead
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