

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
St. Ignace, Michigan
Monday February 19, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

******A G E N D A******

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Invocation
- IV. Roll call
- V. Consideration of minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting
- VI. Limited Public Comment
- VII. Additions to the Agenda (Council and Staff Only)
- VIII. Business
 - 1. **LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT**
 - 2. **REPORT ON THE HOPE NETWORKS PLAN FOR THE OLD BEACON LIVING FACILITY**
 - 3. **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST**
 - 4. **RESOLUTION APPROVING ARTICLES OF INC FOR AREA FIRE AUTHORITY AND APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE AUTHORITY**
 - 5. **APPROVAL FOR A SPEAKER SYSTEM FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**
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 - 7. **APPROVAL FOR CITY MGR TO ATTEND MML CONFERENCE MARCH 20-21**
 - 8. **FINANCIALS**
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Consideration of Bills

**Council
Proceedings
(Unofficial)**

A Regular Meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, February 5, 2018, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Litzner, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Clapperton gave the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers Clapperton, Fullerton, Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, Councilmembers Pelter, St. Louis, Tremble and Mayor Litzner.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mike Stelmaszek, City Manager; Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer; Mark Wilk, Police Chief; Scott Marshall, Recreation Director.

Consideration of minutes from January 15, 2018 Council meeting:

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, seconded by Councilmember St. Louis, to approve the minutes of January 15, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment:

Public comment was received regarding concerns about the height of the guardrail on Prospect Street.

Additions to the Agenda:

Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin – Bayside Live Agreement

Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin presented Council with a change in the original Bayside Live agreement between the City and the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce. The St. Ignace Visitors Bureau and the St. Ignace Events Committee will now be the coordinator for the 2018 Bayside Live Concert Series, replacing the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce. All other aspects of the agreement will remain the same.

It was moved by Councilmember Clapperton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, to accept the agreement with the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau and St. Ignace Events Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

1. APPROVAL OF BILLS FROM JANUARY 15 COUNCIL MEETING:

It was moved by Mayor Litzner, seconded by Councilmember Clapperton, to approve payment of the bills presented at the January 15, 2018 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION ON LANE REDUCTION FOR MDOT PROJECT:

Resolution Lane Reduction

At the meeting of the St. Ignace City Council on February 5, 2018, the following resolution was offered for adoption:

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, supported by Councilmember St. Louis.

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of St. Ignace would like to provide a safe community for pedestrian; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Ignace requests that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to convert highway BL I-75 from 4 travel lanes to 2 travel lanes with a center lane for left turns (3 lanes) from Marquette Street to Antoine Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would be included with current construction projects; and

WHEREAS, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Ignace City Council does support and is formally requesting that MDOT convert the 4-lane BL I-75 to a 3-lane cross section at or near Marquette Street to Antoine Street.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, Councilmembers Pelter, St. Louis, Tremble, Mayor Litzner and Councilmember Clapperton.

Nays: Councilmember Fullerton

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

3. RESOLUTION FOR JEEPS ON THE MAC 2018:

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Mayor Litzner, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin:

WHEREAS, the St. Ignace Events Committee request permission to conduct the Jeeps on the Mac, and

WHEREAS, this event requires the usage of I-75NB and I-75BL and the St. Ignace Little Bear East Arena parking lot, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 413 of the City of St. Ignace, "The Peddler's Ordinance", requires certain criteria be met in order for the event to be held.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Ignace City Council has determined that the St. Ignace Events Committee does meet the criteria established in the various sections of the Ordinance No. 413, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does approve the usage of I-75NB, I-75BL and the St. Ignace Little Bear East Arena parking lot for this event on April 20, 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, Councilmembers Pelter, St. Louis, Tremble, Mayor Litzner, Councilmembers Clapperton and Fullerton.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

4. RESOLUTION FOR ANTIQUES ON THE BAY AND ST IGNACE CAR SHOW:

"Antiques on the Bay" and "St. Ignace Car Show" Resolution

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Mayor Litzner, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin:

WHEREAS, St. Visitors Bureau requests permission to conduct the "Antiques on the Bay", and "St. Ignace Car Show" and;

WHEREAS, Chapter 22, "Peddlers and Solicitors" of the City of St. Ignace Code ,as amended, requires certain criteria be met by St. Ignace Visitors Bureau, to comply with the "Special Events" requirements of the City, and;

WHEREAS, St. Ignace Visitors Bureau has agreed to provide the City Council with all of the information required by Chapter 22, "Peddlers and Solicitors" of the City of St. Ignace Code, as amended, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council has determined that the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau, has agreed to meet the criteria established in the various sections of Chapter 22, "Peddlers and Solicitors" of the City of St. Ignace Code, as amended, within the time frame established in said Chapter 22, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does approve St. Ignace Visitors Bureau to be a "Special Events Organization", and approves the use of the various public properties within the City Limits for these events on the days of June 22 and 23, 2018, June 28, 29, 30, 2018 and further grants St. Ignace Visitors Bureau the authority to control vending approved by the City during the event. The City of St. Ignace does not financially participate in the, "Antiques on the Bay "or "Car Show", and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City does approve street closures, subject to compliance with City and MDOT rules and regulations, and the use of the following areas for the various shows and dates:

- A. Antiques on the Bay – June 22 and 23, 2018, Marina Parking Lot and adjoining properties;
- B. St. Ignace Car Show – June 28,29, 30,2018, American Legion Park, parking lot only, and other public properties located between Marquette Street and Church Street on State Street for the Car Show on Saturday, June 30, 2018 between 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and State A Street and Church Street, for the parade on Friday, June 29, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., subject to MDOT approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilmembers Pelter, St. Louis, Tremble, Mayor Litzner, Councilmembers Clapperton, Fullerton and Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

5. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES 2018:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE DATE FOR MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The following Resolution was offered by Councilmember Clapperton, supported by Councilmember Pelter:

WHEREAS, Public Act 122 of 2008 MCL 211.30(2), which allows Cities and Townships to adopt an alternative date for the March Board of Review.

WHEREAS MCL 211.30(2) allows the governing body of the City or Township to authorize by adoption of an ordinance or resolution for the following alternative meeting date for the purpose of this section:

(a). The alternative meeting dates in March as follows:

Monday, March 5, 2018	Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	Appeals of assessments
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	Appeals of assessments

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Ignace City Council approves alternate meeting dates for the March Board of Review.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilmembers St. Louis, Tremble, Mayor Litzner, Councilmembers Clapperton, Fullerton, Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin and Councilmember Pelter.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution declared Adopted.

6. REQUEST TO ADVERTISE AND HIRE A FULL-TIME ASSESSOR/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT PERSON:

City Manager Stelmaszek informed Council the City will need to fill the Assessor position as soon as possible, as the interim Assessor, Dawn Nelson, has agreed to assist the City thru the end of the current tax season. City Manager Stelmaszek also encouraged Council to consider a combined position to fulfill Ordinance enforcement. The City Police Department will serve as ordinance enforcement until someone is hired and trained.

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, seconded by Councilmember Fullerton, to approve the request to advertise and hire a full-time assessor/ ordinance enforcement person. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUNSCREEN DISPENSERS IN DDA DISTRICT:

City Manager Stelmaszek introduced Amanda Garlock, on behalf of Kiwanis, who is requesting to establish sunscreen dispensers throughout the DDA District's parks. Ms. Garlock informed

Council this is a new program that has been approved by Kiwanis to make sunscreen available free of charge to visitors and bring awareness to melanoma. Dispensers will be established and maintained by Kiwanis at no charge to the City and will utilize an all-natural sunscreen product. It was moved by Councilmember St. Louis, seconded by Councilmember Tremble, to approve Kiwanis to establish sunscreen dispensers in the American Legion Park, Chief Wawatam Park and Kiwanis Park for public use. Motion carried unanimously.

8. FORENSIC AUDIT APPROVAL:

City Manager Stelmaszek informed Council that Anderson Tackman is scheduled to perform a forensic audit beginning February 7, 2018. After discussion from Council, it was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, seconded by Councilmember Tremble, to approve Anderson Tackman to perform the forensic audit. Motion carried unanimously.

9. APPROVAL TO HIRE INTERIM ATTORNEY FOR CURRENT CITY NEEDS:

City Manager Stelmaszek requested Council's authorization to hire an interim attorney to handle the City's legal needs until a City Attorney is hired. After brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Fullerton, seconded by Councilmember Tremble, to authorize City Manager Stelmaszek to hire an interim attorney until a City Attorney can be established. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Public comment was received regarding follow through on violations of code ordinance, the need for a full time assessor and code enforcement position, and the Harbor Committee's plan to complete the deck at the Marina.

Consideration of Bills:

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, seconded by Councilmember Clapperton, to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented to Council for payment:

BELONGA EXCAVATING, LLC	100.00
ENTERPRISE VENDING	63.69
ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY	2,588.00
EUP REGIONAL PLANNING	1,950.00
FIRE PROS, INC.	167.00
HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS	762.72
HYDRITE CHEMICAL CO	1,415.74
ICEMANN ARENA, INC	106.05

INDUSTRIAL MARKETING	21,712.27
INTERSTATE BATTERIES	225.90
KIMBALL-MIDWEST	143.05
KOORSEN FIRE & SECURITY	84.38
KSS ENTERPRISES	91.04
LYNN AUTO PARTS	1,917.02
MACKINAC PLUMBING AND HEATING CO	700.47
MI ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE	115.00
MICHIGAN KENWORTH LLC	255.58
NATIONAL OFFICE PRODUCTS	3,447.46
NATIONAL SAFETY COMPLIANCE INC	96.60
NEW ENGLAND SPORTS SALES	163.55
OMS COMPLIANCE SERVICES	79.50
R S SCOTT ASSOCIATES	9,164.00
RAYMOND D. RUSSELL	300.00
RTI LABORATORIES INC.	342.00
SAULT PRINTING COMPANY	16.98
STANDARD ELECTRIC COMPANY	944.99
TERRAZZO CREATIONS & RENEWAL LLC	32,551.82
UNITEX DIRECT	981.24
Grand Total:	\$80,486.05

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Connie Litzner, Mayor

Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer

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******MANAGERS REPORT******

LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented by Skip Schmidt.

REPORT ON THE HOPE NETWORKS PLAN FOR THE OLD BEACON LIVING FACILITY

To be presented by Lyndsay Martin from the Hope Network.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION WITH INCOME GUIDELINES AND AN ASSET TEST

This resolution is based on state law and facilitates the citizen application process for the poverty exemption regarding property taxes. It is presented upon the request of our current Assessor and includes an asset test to help establish that an applicant truly qualifies.

RESOLUTION WITH ARTICLES OF INC. FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRE AUTHORITY & APPOINT CITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR AUTHORITY

These organizational documents were agreed upon by representatives of each township involved and the City at Fire board meeting on 2/13/18. Each governing body must pass the same documents to form a Fire Authority and move on to the next step of the process. St. Ignace Twp. has already passed this resolution and Articles of Incorporation. If you pass this, two appointments (one two year and one four year) should be made so the Authority can meet, establish bylaws, and keep the process moving.

APPROVAL FOR A SPEAKER SYSTEM FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I would like approval to purchase a system that would meet our needs at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. With that I am hoping to also have a system with the capability to record any meeting we have in the Council Chambers.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPROVALS

The Mayor would like to appoint Luke Paquin, Kayla Pelter, and Herself to this committee.

APPROVAL OF CITY MGR TO ATTEND MML CONFERENCE MARCH 20-21

This is an excellent conference for a City Manager to attend. Consistent with a forthcoming policy that all training requiring an overnight stay be approved by the City Council, and any extra cost for bringing a guest be paid for by the attendee, I would like your approval to attend this conference next month in Lansing. I would also like to bring my spouse. There is a MML provision for bringing a guest for an extra \$75. I have talked to our treasurer about this and once the registration is paid, I can reimburse the City for this cost.

FINANCIALS

To be presented by the City Manager.

Update on Other Matters

Our Interim attorney is now in place. We will be discussing options for a new City Attorney at the upcoming work session. Other issues on the agenda for the work session include: Summer maintenance of the Cemetery and the completion of the decking project at the Marina.

The Auditors were here for five days and have completed the transaction testing phase of their forensic disbursement review. They will now parse the result of that data and compile the scope of their finding with the results of their interviews, charter provisions review, policy review, and documentation examination before providing us with their findings.

We received a letter from County Board of Commissioners explaining their request to have the DDA return their contributions for the LBE and pocket park projects. Since receiving this letter we have received two more (one from the Chamber of Commerce and one from the Events Committee) stating their support for these two projects. I have spoken to our DDA Director on this matter and she has explained her commitment to see these two projects through to their completion which will result in a significant benefit to our community. These letters are in your packet.

St. Ignace Public Library 2017 Annual Report



***The Mission of the
St. Ignace Public Library is
to provide materials,
resources, and services to
foster the evolving
educational, informational,
cultural, and recreational
enrichment of all the people
of the communities served
by the library!***

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Overview

The St. Ignace Public Library is classified by the State of Michigan as a class 2 library, serving a population between 4,000 and 6,999. To qualify for State Aid money a class 2 library is required to be open a minimum of 20 hours a week, and employ a director with at least a level 4 certificate. The current library board has made every effort to move beyond minimum requirements and, as finances have allowed, has done so. Library hours have averaged 40 plus over the last three years, the director has a level 3 certificate, and the library employs an assistant director and a clerk. These improvements mean better service and the ability to offer a wider variety of programs to the community.

The voted millage revenue from the City of St. Ignace, Moran, and St. Ignace Townships and County Penal Fine monies have had a significant positive impact on the library's ability to serve our community. We have been able to increase programming, circulating materials, and address some of the building and grounds issues that have been unaffordable in the past.

2017 Statistical Overview

Attendance: 18,751 Registered Users: 1,923

Total Materials: 27,685. Total Materials Added: 2,702

Total Materials Checked Out: 12,936

Downloaded Ebooks/Audio Books/Magazines: 1,296

Interlibrary Loan Statistics: MelCat/PII

Items Loaned 1,231

Items Borrowed: 956

Registered Users by Area

City of St. Ignace: 1,188

St. Ignace Township: 233

Moran Township: 376

Bois Blanc: 8 Other: 118

Computer Usage

By log-in: 5,154

By hour: 9,133

Submitted to the Library Board
January 2018
Skip Schmidt, Library Director

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*The Friends of the
St. Ignace Public Library
provide invaluable
financial and volunteer
support to the Library and
in turn, to our Community.
We appreciate this effort!
Thank you!*

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library actively support the library through volunteer work, fund raising events, and promotional activities. The Friends of the Library Board Members in 2017 were: **President:** Sherri Wheeldon, **Vice President:** Julie Hill, **Secretary:** Pat Hubel, **Treasurer:** Kim Nowack, and **Trustees** Judy Gross, Larry Stowitts, and Sarah Halvorsen.

During 2017, The Friends of the Library held 4 book/bake sales, a very successful Spring Silent Auction, and participated in the Home Show and Spring Expo. The Friends group provided the Library with funds for author visits, signage, video & audio DVDs, books and eBook purchases, computer supplies, newspapers and magazines, furniture, carpet runners and carpet maintenance, and miscellaneous supplies. Trustee Judy Gross continues to help maintain the local history collection and to assist patrons with history and genealogy research.

Programming

The Library continues to offer a variety of programs to the community: author visits, music performances, art exhibits, children's story time, book clubs, library tours to Head Start and 1st graders, computer classes, technology lessons, and a Summer Reading Program for children. In addition, we have been able to fund several educational programs at the local schools.

Interlibrary Loan Services

Through our participation in the Upper Peninsula Regional Library Cooperation (UPRLC), Patron Initiated Interlibrary Loan (PII), and the Michigan Electronic Library Catalog (MelCat) we are able to provide our patrons with additional materials that we don't own. By accessing the collections of over 385 libraries, our patrons have available hundreds of thousands of items that a local library could not afford or house.

Staff Training/Workshops

The rapid advances in technology make it necessary to attend workshops and on-line seminars and workshops in order to stay abreast of changes in software, hardware and library procedures. The Director and staff make an effort to attend those that will best support the Library program.

Volunteers

Volunteers are instrumental to the success of the Library and we are grateful for their hard work and dedication. They help with many jobs that are a part of the everyday tasks that take time and conscientious effort. Friends Trustee Sarah Halvorsen has assumed the task of maintaining the Library's DVD collection and also helps process new books. Mike Herman has been involved in the Library's collection upgrade efforts. The Library welcomes anyone who might be interested in volunteer work.

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Technology

We will continue to upgrade our technology in an effort to provide the most current tools for today's patrons. All of our patron computers are new and should serve for several more years. We also plan to continue to provide computer and technology education. The Library has available online over 8700 downloadable audio books and Ebooks in addition to the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL) with 40+ searchable databases on a wide variety of topics.

Perhaps one of the most popular services the Library offers to the community is the public access computers and the free wireless internet connection. General research, lesson plans, college courses and test proctoring, employment searches, ACA research, State unemployment and disability filing, tax information and filing, and e-mail are all tasks that patrons use the Library computers for. For those residents without personal computers or internet access, the library's technology is becoming a necessary resource.

Grants/Donations

The Sault Tribe continues to generously support the Library. In the spring they provided grant money to renovate the community room and purchase classic books. The St. Ignace Area Community Foundation (SIACF) continues to be a source of support for the Library. They manage an endowment fund that provides funds for a variety of needs. We received many other donations of money, books and magazines from our patrons over the year. All of this support helps the Library stretch its budget and is greatly appreciated.

2018 and Beyond

We continue to be excited about the future of the St. Ignace Public Library. With millage support from the City of St. Ignace, and Moran and St. Ignace Townships, we are able to set both short and long term goals for the library in the areas of community outreach, finance, programs, collections and technology. We will continue to work to find ways to best serve the needs of our community.

The Library Board

As always, many thanks must be given to the members of our community who unselfishly volunteer their time and effort to serve as trustees on the Library Board. Current Board members are:

Library Board of Trustees 2017

Tarry Stowitts: President
Loni Brown: Vice President
Mary Maurer: Treasurer

Trustees

Kim Nowack
Elaine MacDonald
Martha Sjogren
Ruth Lachapelle

Library Staff

Skip Schmidt, Director
Barbara Zimmerman,
Assistant Director

Jill Eyre,
Clerk

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST

The following resolution was offered to adoption by Councilmember _____, supported by Councilmember _____:

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the City Council and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Poverty Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that the City of St. Ignace, Mackinac County, adopts the following guidelines for the City Manager and board of review to implement.

The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year.

To be eligible, a person, shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- (1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- (2) File a claim with the board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- (3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- (4) Produce a deed, land contract, or the evidence of ownership of property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- (5) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- (6) Meet additional eligibility requirements as determined by the City Council, including; a **Maximum Asset Value** of \$30,000.00, to be eligible for the exemption.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: _____

No: _____

Absent: _____

Resolution declared: _____

I hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of a Resolution presented to the St. Ignace City Council for adoption at a regular meeting held Monday, February 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Andrea Insley, City Clerk

City of St. Ignace
County of Mackinac, State of Michigan

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, State of Michigan, held on the ____ day of _____, 2018, at _____ o'clock __.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members _____

ABSENT: Members _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS, this City Council on behalf of the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, State of Michigan (the "City") has deemed it reasonable and necessary to establish a Fire Service authority pursuant to Act 57, Public Acts of Michigan, 1988, as amended ("Act 57"); and

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation establishing the Straits Area Fire Authority (the "Authority") have been prepared and presented to this Council; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve of the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority and to provide for other matters relative to the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Articles of Incorporation establishing the Straits Area Fire Authority in substantially the form attached hereto be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed to endorse the fact of such adoption upon the Articles of Incorporation in the form and manner provided therein as required by Act 57.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members _____

ABSTAIN: Members _____

NAYS: Members _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on _____, 2018 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

City Clerk

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

These Articles of Incorporation are adopted, signed and acknowledged by the incorporating municipalities for the purpose of forming a municipal emergency services authority under the provisions of Act 57, Public Acts of Michigan, 1988, as amended ("Act 57"). The Articles being as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of this authority is the STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY (the "Authority").

ARTICLE II

The incorporating municipalities creating this Authority are the City of St. Ignace, the Township of Moran and the Township of St. Ignace, each located in the County of Mackinac, Michigan, and each a municipal corporation of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III

This Authority is incorporated for the purpose of providing fire protection services to the incorporating municipalities.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS AND DUTIES:

Section 1. The Authority shall be a body corporate with power to sue and be sued in any court of the State of Michigan.

Section 2. The Authority shall have the power to enter into a contract or contracts with any incorporating municipality for the provision of fire protection services in the incorporating municipality for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years. The fire protection services may be established or funded in conjunction with any municipal emergency services, and any municipal emergency service may be delegated by contract to the Authority. The charges specified in a contract shall be subject to increase by the Authority, if necessary, in order to provide funds to meet its obligations.

The Authority may also enter into contracts with a city, village, or township that is not an incorporating municipality, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years except that the charges for services under a contract with a non-incorporating municipality may be greater than the charges to an incorporating municipality, and shall be subject to change from time to time without notice.

Section 3. The Authority may acquire private property by purchase, lease, gift, devise, or condemnation, either within or without its corporate limits, and may hold, manage, control, sell, exchange, or lease property it has acquired. For the purpose of condemnation, it may proceed under the acquisition of property by state agencies and public corporations act, Act No. 149 of the Public Acts of 1911, and the uniform condemnation procedures act, Act No. 87 of the Public Acts of 1980, both as now or hereafter amended.

Section 4. The Authority may adopt ordinances pursuant to Act 57 that allow the Authority to assess fees on owners or occupants of property who receive fire protection services to cover the costs of providing fire protection services under Act 57.

Section 5. The Authority may apply for and accept grants, loans, or contributions from the federal government or any of its agencies, the state, or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of Act 57 and to do any and all things within its express or implied powers necessary or desirable to secure that financial or other aid or cooperation in the carrying out of any of the purposes of Act 57.

Section 6. The Authority may enter into any contracts with other entities not prohibited by law.

Section 7. The Authority may investigate emergency services requirements, needs, and programs and engage, by contract, consultants as may be necessary and cooperate with the federal government, state, political subdivisions, and other authorities in those investigations.

Section 8. The Authority may, subject to Act 57, hire employees, attorneys, accountants, and consultants as the Authority considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Authority.

Section 9. The Authority shall possess all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of its incorporation, including those powers incident to such purposes. The powers herein granted shall be in addition to those granted by any statute or charter, and the enumeration of any power either in these articles of incorporation or in Act 57, shall not be construed as a limitation upon such general powers.

Section 10. The term of this Authority shall be perpetual, or until terminated in accordance with law.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNING BODY OFFICERS:

Section 1. The Authority shall be directed and governed by a six (6) member Board of Commissioners (referred to herein as the "Commission"). The legislative body of each incorporating municipality shall appoint two (2) voting representatives to the Commission, and each member shall serve for a full term of four (4) years; provided however that, for the first appointment upon implementation of this section, each incorporating municipality shall appoint

one (1) voting representative to serve for a term of two (2) years, and the other voting representative to serve for a term of four (4) years.

Section 2. Each member of the Commission shall qualify by taking the constitutional oath of office and filing it with his or her respective municipal clerk.

Section 3. The Commission shall designate one of its members as Chairman and one of its members as Secretary, each to be designated for such term in office as may be fixed by the bylaws. The Commission shall appoint a Treasurer who shall not be required to be a member of the Commission.

Section 4. The Commission shall adopt and may amend bylaws and rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of Act 57 and provide therein for regular meetings of the Commission.

Section 5. Vacancies occurring in the office of the Commission shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the legislative body of the incorporating municipality appointing such representative.

ARTICLE VI

EMPLOYEES:

Section 1. The Commission shall be responsible for hiring all employees of the Authority, if any. The duty may be delegated to the chief of the fire service at the discretion of the Commission.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The City Clerk of the City of St. Ignace is designated to cause a copy of these articles of incorporation, to be published once in the *St. Ignace News*, being a newspaper of general circulation in the territory of the Authority, as provided in Act 57, such publication to be accompanied by a notice that valid incorporation of the Authority shall be conclusively presumed unless questioned in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided in Act 57.

Section 2. The City Clerk of the City of St. Ignace is designated to cause a copy of these articles of incorporation to be filed with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk of the County of Mackinac. Each incorporating municipality shall retain a certified copy of these articles of incorporation. A certified copy of these articles of incorporation shall also be filed with the Secretary of the Authority after the Commission has been appointed and the Secretary chosen.

Section 3. Amendments may be made to these Articles of Incorporation as provided in Act 57.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation shall become effective upon publication.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of St. Ignace, the Township of St. Ignace, and the Township of Moran, each located in the County of Mackinac, Michigan, have each adopted and caused to be endorsed in their names these articles of incorporation as hereafter set forth.

CITY OF ST. IGNACE

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the City Council of the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the ___ day of _____, 2018.

By _____

Its Mayor

By _____

Its City Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF MORAN

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Moran, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the ___ day of _____, 2018.

By _____


Its Supervisor

By _____

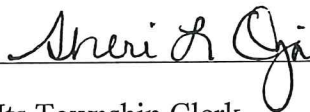
Its Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF ST. IGNACE

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the ___ day of _____, 2018.

By 

Its Supervisor

By 

Its Township Clerk

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Township of St. Ignace
County of Mackinac, State of Michigan

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, State of Michigan, held on the 14th day of February, 2018, at 6:50 pm o'clock .m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members Steve Campbell, Sheri Oja, Allen Mitchell
Tina Massey

ABSENT: Members Glenn McKenzie

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Massey and supported by Member Mitchell:

WHEREAS, this Township Board on behalf of the Township of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, State of Michigan (the "Township") has deemed it reasonable and necessary to establish a Fire Service authority pursuant to Act 57, Public Acts of Michigan, 1988, as amended ("Act 57"); and

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation establishing the Straits Area Fire Authority (the "Authority") have been prepared and presented to this Board; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve of the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority and to provide for other matters relative to the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Articles of Incorporation establishing the Straits Area Fire Authority in substantially the form attached hereto be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.
2. The Supervisor and Township Clerk are hereby directed to endorse the fact of such adoption upon the Articles of Incorporation in the form and manner provided therein as required by Act 57.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members Campbell, Mitchell, Massey, Oja

ABSTAIN: Members _____

NAYS: Members _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Sheri R Oja
Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

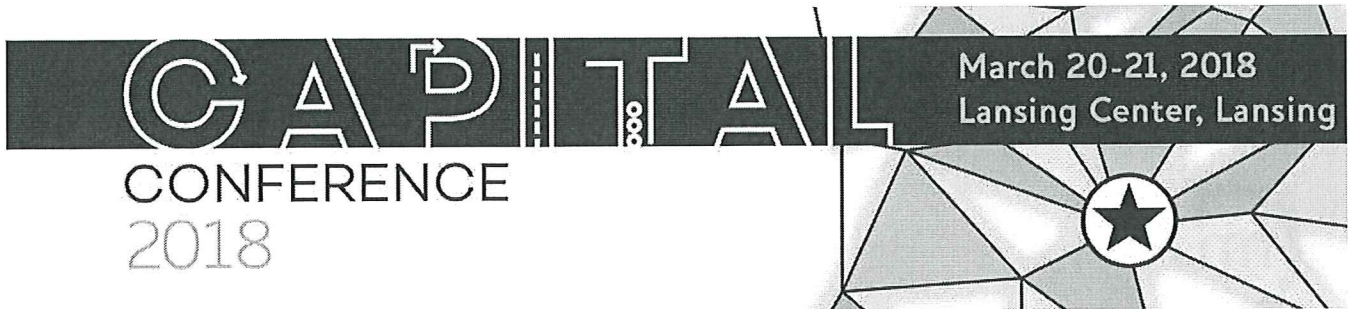
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on 2/14/18, 2018 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Sheri R Oja
Township Clerk

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Conference Agenda-at-a-glance

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Workshops
- 9:00 am – 4:30 pm MAMA Mid-Winter Conference (additional fee)
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm MML Board of Trustees Meeting & Lunch
- Noon – 2:00 pm MAM Board Meeting & Lunch
- Noon – 5:00 pm Conference Registration
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm MWIMG Luncheon
- 1:15 – 2:30 pm Michigan Divided Documentary
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm Meet with Your State Representatives
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm Capital Conference Welcome
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm Elected Officials Academy Advisory Board Meeting
- 4:30 – 6:30 pm MML Liability & Property Pool
Capital Conference Welcome Reception
- 7:00 pm Awards Gala

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

- 7:30 am Conference Registration Open
- 8:30 am – 3:45 pm Annual Expo
- 7:30 – 8:30 am Legislative Breakfast
- 8:30 – 10:00 am General Session
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Networking Break in Expo Hall
- 10:45 -11:45 am Breakout Sessions
- Noon – 1:00 pm Networking Luncheon
- Noon – 1:00 pm MBC-LEO Meeting/Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm Dessert Break in Expo Hall
- 1:45 – 3:15 pm General Session
- 3:15 – 3:45 pm Networking Break in Expo Hall
- 3:45 – 4:45 pm Breakout Sessions

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February 8, 2018

Ms. Renee Kosor
Downtown Development Authority
396 N. State Street
St. Ignace, MI 49781

St. Ignace City Council Members
C/O City Clerk
396 N. State Street
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Dear Ms. Kosor and City Council Members:

As you might be aware, Mackinac County has contributed funds toward the development of the Little Bear Recreation Park and the downtown St. Anthony's Rock Pocket Park. We are now concerned by the delays and confusion regarding both of these projects.

Regarding the Little Bear Park, in March of 2015, we committed \$10,000 to the project and paid an initial installment to the DDA of \$5,000. At that time Ms. Evashevski told the Board that our donation would be refunded should the project not move forward. The second \$5,000 was paid to the DDA in March 2017. Because, as we understand it, no construction has yet begun and more delays are expected, we ask that our \$10,000 now be refunded.

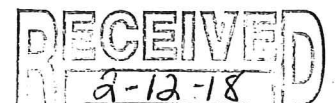
Regarding the St. Anthony's Rock Pocket Park, Ms. Evashevski came before the Board on October 18, 2016, requesting a donation and showing us a rendering of the proposed park. Subsequently, on November 4, 2016, a \$1,000 donation was given to the DDA. Because of the misleading out-of-scale drawing of the proposed park presented to us at that time, and the present investigation into mishandling of park funds, we ask that our \$1,000 now be refunded.

The Board of Commissioners is disappointed, as we were very enthusiastic regarding both projects.

Yours truly,



James B. Hill
Mackinac County Commissioner





TO: City of St. Ignace

FROM: St. Ignace Events Committee

The St. Ignace Events Committee exists to plan events and promote St. Ignace businesses to visitors and potential guests. Tourism is a huge part of our economy and many businesses in the area see tourism as their number one source of income.

We feel that supporting projects that will bring visitors to the area, make their stays enjoyable, and encourage them to return and tell their friends and family about their positive experiences is key to the continued growth and success of our community and the continued health of its businesses and business owners.

We fully support the St. Anthony Pocket Park. Public restrooms downtown would be a huge asset that would lessen the burden on business owners and would add to the beautification and success of downtown St. Ignace.

We also fully support the softball fields at Little Bear East Arena. This would allow for more tournaments which bring athletes and their families to the community and it beautifies an otherwise uninviting part of our town.

Please consider this letter as a representation of the full support of the St. Ignace Events Committee for the St. Anthony's Pocket Park and the softball field project at Little Bear East Arena.

Thank you,

Mark Sposito

Committee President

2-15-18



February 15, 2018

To: City of Saint Ignace Council members and DDA Board

From: Saint Ignace Chamber of Commerce

One of the primary purposes of the Saint Ignace Chamber of Commerce is to promote our member businesses and support them with economic opportunities and resources.

We believe that supporting projects like St. Anthony's Pocket Park and the Softball Fields at Little Bear East Arena will help provide economic opportunities by bringing people to town and having them enjoy themselves while they are here.

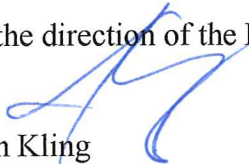
We have fully supported these projects with both monetary and in-kind services and will be continuing to do so.

We understand that there are always construction delay and obstacles and hope you continue to support these projects to completion.

We as a Chamber feel that the DDA Director, Renee Kosor has put forth several misrepresentations which we at the chamber have witnessed first hand, and these such misrepresentations are undermining what we as a community are trying to accomplish.

Again, we hope to continue to support these projects.

By the direction of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce.


John Kling
President