

**CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud thanked the emergency response teams and the Medical Center for their hard work on recent water rescue

Mayor Doud called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

- Richard Chambers
- Tom Corrigan
- Steven Moskwa
- Anneke Myers
- Alan Sehoyan
- Jason St. Onge
- Richard Linn, Treasurer
- Douglas Topolski, Chief of Police
- Erin Evashevski, Attorney, Via Zoom from St. Ignace, MI

IV. Approval of Minutes

May 29, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

- Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.

June 5, 2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

- Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.

V. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

VI. Approval of Payments for:

Motion by St. Onge, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the payroll and payables in the amount of \$129,127.53.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

VII. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Sehoyan, to adopt the agenda with the following additions.

- To enter in to closed session
- David Lipovsky Letter of Agreement (Building Inspector/Official, Plan Reviewer, Zoning Administrator, and Street Administrator)

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

VIII. Committee Reports

Mayor Doud introduced David Lipovsky.

- Mr. Lipovsky has many years of experience in the contracting business and was the building official in Clare, Michigan for five (5) years

IX. Correspondence

Tina Jones, the St. Ignace Township Treasurer, introduced herself to the Council

- Running for County Treasurer in the August 6th election
- Ms. Jones has a long employment history on the Island and in St. Ignace
- Ms. Jones has been the St. Ignace Township Treasurer for eight (8) years

XI. New Business

- Request for approval to adopt the 2024 Tax Rate Request (L4029)

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to adopt the L4029 as presented.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Request from Sunset Forest Association (SFA) to waive vehicle permit fees for recent road maintenance
 - o Tom Sullivan submitted a request to waive the City vehicle permit fees from Belonga Excavating
 - SFA has spent roughly \$35,000 on road maintenance this year for Forest Way
 - o Council has waived the fees in the past

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Myers, to waive the City vehicle permit fees, billed from Belonga Excavating to SFA, for maintenance work on Forest Way.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers

Voting Abstaining: Sehoian, St. Onge

- Mayor's Assistant Trista France is working on scheduling a Streets Committee meeting on June 18th
 - Mr. Sullivan stated that he is not available on that date
 - Council requested the committee meeting be rescheduled for a time when Mr. Sullivan can attend

- BEAD Program (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) Program
 - Councilman Corrigan announced the BEAD Funding program to the Council, concerning potential fiber installation
 - Three main contenders
 - Highline - already installing fiber everywhere in Mackinac County except for Mackinac Island and Boblo
 - CCC Fiber - has the tribal contract to install from Sault Ste. Marie to St. Ignace via Pickford - will not share this line with any other providers due to tribal funding
 - Astrea - being bought by Spectrum and until that deal goes through Astrea will not be doing any further fiber work
 - Highline and CCC are willing to come speak to the island regarding possible work
 - Funding & permitting are issues
 - Councilman Corrigan requested to start a sub-committee for internet development and to meet with various providers to discuss what they need from the City in terms of support
 - Would like to form a Committee with Councilwoman Anneke Myers, DPW Director Allen Burt, Tom Sullivan from SFA, and anyone else who would like to join.
 - There is good internet at various locations on the island, but not everywhere
 - Need to create a map of where the internet service is poor, and need to be prepared for issues in terms of getting hands on funding
 - Mayor Doud noted that she was in favor of the sub-committee being formed and the proposed members
 - Councilwoman Myers recommended including a representative from the State Park as well
 - Councilman Corrigan noted that the hotels may have interest in this as well, so maybe Tim Hygh from the Tourism Bureau
 - Councilwoman Myers requested that this be brought back to the June 26th Council meeting with more collective details
 - Councilwoman Myers also noted that AT&T needs to be involved in these discussions
 - Mayor Doud recommended that Dennis Dombroski be involved with this sub-committee as well
 - Dennis Dombroski informed the Council that AT&T has plans to install more fiber on the Island this fall
 - Councilman Corrigan will bring back a more collective proposal for the Internet Study Committee to the June 26th Council meeting

- Resolution authorizing issuance of 2024 capital improvement bonds for Forest Way Townhomes Phase III
 - The resolution covers the following:
 - Authorizes the issuance of a series of taxable capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$3,100,000.00
 - Provides that the bonds are secured by the limited tax pledge of the City
 - Establishes a Debt Retirement Fund and a Construction Fund
 - Provides a form of bond
 - Provides that the bonds will be sold pursuant to a competitive sale and includes the form of notice of sale
 - Provides for the award of the bonds by an authorized officer (Mayor, Treasurer, or Clerk)
 - Authorizes the authorized officers to make any adjustments to the final bond details

- Councilman St. Onge inquired if this meant a fall start date
 - It was noted that a fall start date was the intention
- Motion by St. Onge, Seconded by Chambers, to adopt the resolution authorizing issuance of 2024 capital improvement bonds, and to authorize Mayor Doud & the City Clerk to sign the resolution.
- Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Approval to authorize Dennis Dombroski to sign the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Maintenance Municipality Contract
 - Trunkline maintenance agreement from 2024 - 2029
- Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Sehoyan, to authorize Dennis Dombroski to sign the MDOT Contract and to authorize the City Clerk to sign the authorized signature resolution.
- Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- A letter was received from Matt Prost, General Manager of the Bayview Yacht Club, requesting the use of the finish line cannon for this year's 100th race to Mackinac
 - This year is the 100th consecutive running of the Bayview to Mackinac race
 - Councilman Corrigan inquired if the use of the cannon was just for this year, or if Bayview wanted to continue the use in upcoming races
 - Mayor's Assistant Trista France noted that she made it clear to Mr. Prost that the use of the cannon would only be considered for this year
 - Councilman St. Onge inquired if Mayor Doud was ok with this since the cannon is stationed on Windermere Point?
 - Mayor Doud said that she was ok with the cannon for this year's 100th race
- Motion by St. Onge, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve Bayview Yacht Club to use the finish line cannon for this year's 100th Bayview to Mackinac race.
- Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Request from the Hubbard's Annex Homeowner's Association (HAHA) for funding of the BioRain product for dust control on the Annex roads
 - Dennis Dombroski noted that the product was tried out last year and was purchased with City assistance
 - HAHA members liked how the product performed last year and would like to apply it again this summer
 - Councilwoman Myers noted that the request is only for assistance with purchasing the materials, the work to spread the product on the roads will be completed by HAHA
- Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Sehoyan, to approve the City's purchase of the Bio Rain product for the Annex roads, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00
- Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Councilman St. Onge inquired how HAHA was able to get their roads re-graveled and have further city funding applied when the residents of 5th Street have been asking for the depression at the end of the road to be fixed for years
 - Dennis Dombroski noted that that area was to be addressed then the DPW was going to be replacing the water main
 - Dennis had asked Allen Burt to get numbers together to raise the road in that area to try and get rid of the depression / water collection area. Don't want to tear the area up now when there will be major construction coming soon from the DPW
 - Allen Burt, DPW Director noted that this project bid came in at triple the price so the DPW has backed off from the water main replacement project at this time. On the list of things to do, but down the list a bit.
 - Councilman St. Onge asked Mr. Dombroski to look at the issue and have it add to list the of priorities
 - Mr. Dombroski informed the Council that this project will most likely involve boring or blasting through rock to be able to install a pipe to tie it in to something to redirect the water. Little more complicated than simply raising the road.
 - Mayor Doud noted that it will be added to the list and we will see what can be done
- New historical market in front of City Hall
 - Mayor's Assistant Trista France informed the Council that the new sign will not be installed until sometime next summer – just presenting the proposed wording at this time
 - Replacing the marker closest to City Hall

- The new sign will be bigger than the existing sign, more similar in size to the new sign in front of the Biddle House
 - Councilman Moskwa noted that he liked the proposed wording for the new marker as it adds more of the Island's history
 - Councilwoman Myers thanked City Foreman Mike Ruddle and his crew for their hard work restoring the current markers and for constructing new brackets for them

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Sehoyan, to give the City's approval on the proposed wording for the new historical marker outside of City Hall.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Computer Use & Social Media policy for the City of Mackinac Island
 - Allen Burt, on behalf of Mackinac Marine Rescue, approached the Council regarding the implementation of a Computer Use and Social Media policy
 - Marine Rescue has been discussing increasing their postings on social media in regards to their runs, which lead to a conversation of what is and what is not appropriate to post
 - Mr. Burt noted that he has touched on the need for a Computer Use and Social Media policy in the past, and believes that it is now time to put something in writing
 - Believes that it would be good to start with a discussion with the IT Committee to further develop the idea
 - Mayor Doud felt that this would be a good idea
 - Councilman Corrigan noted that the Fire Department and Police Department are also posting on Facebook and should also be included in this discussion as well

Motion made by Corrigan, Seconded by Chambers, to direct Mr. Burt's email to IT Committee for further discussion and development.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- DPW Director Allen Burt requested to set up a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project for the City Council members
 - Would like to have the Council members visit the plant to see the progress on the project
 - Will be inviting the DPW Board and Planning Commission as well
 - Will need to work with Ken Peterson on a date that works well with current activities
 - Councilwoman Myers recommended setting something up through the Mayor's Office
 - Councilman St. Onge noted that this will need to be posted as a special meeting if the full Council will be there at the same time
 - Mayor Doud suggested having Council members going two (2) at a time rather than all at once – may make scheduling visits easier
 - Mr. Burt was fine with working out getting smaller groups to the site

- A Temporary Trailer Permit was submitted by Mackinac Island Girl Scout Troop 147, to haul food and supplies for use during their service period. Trailer will arrive on July 13th and will be in use for eight (8) days.

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Sehoyan, to approve the trailer permit.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- A Temporary Trailer Permit was submitted by Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop 609, to haul food and supplies for use during their service period. Trailer will arrive on August 3rd and will be in use for eight (8) days.

Motion by St. Onge, Seconded by Chambers, to approve the trailer permit.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

- A Temporary Trailer Permit was submitted by Doug Topolski to move household goods. The permit was preapproved by Mayor Doud on June 7th. The trailer will be in use beginning June 8th for seven (7) days.

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the preapproved trailer permit and to waive the permit fee.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

- Preapproved request for the use of two (2) annually permitted vehicles from Stonecliffe at Manor V to plant trees
 - Work occurred on June 4th through June 7th
 - Councilman St. Onge inquired when will all this work end?
 - Toured the mansion, property looks great, but maybe this landscaping work should have been done sooner. Lack of planning on someone else's part does not warrant an emergency on our end.

Motion by Sehoyan, second Myers, to approve the preapproved request for use of annually permitted vehicles from Stonecliffe at Manor V to plant trees

Ayes: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

Nays: St. Onge

- Approval to use annually permitted vehicles from Stonecliffe at Manor V to plant the remaining trees between the houses and the golf course
 - o Ben Horn of Stonecliffe noted that they were not able to get these remaining trees planted when they had the vehicles on site previously. Also need to install the irrigation
 - o David Jurcak of Davidson Hotels reminded the Council that it was requested by the Planning Commission, City Council, and KSL to plant a line of trees between the houses and golf course when the re-zoning was discussed
 - o Councilman Corrigan inquired if the planting is not done now, then when will it happen?
 - Councilman St. Onge recommend holding off until the fall
 - o Mr. Horn noted that the landscapers did not want to start planting the trees until the cottages were finished
 - o Councilwoman Myers commented that the work should have been completed under the previously approved vehicle use
 - Mr. Horn noted that there was too much work to complete in that time. The landscapers planted over 100 trees
 - o Councilman Sehoyan commented that he would like to see this project finished done and inquired how much longer Stonecliffe would need to plant the remaining trees?
 - Mr. Horn replied that they would only need an additional two (2) days
 - o Tom Sullivan of Sunset Forest Association (SFA) informed the Council that he was opposed to the vehicle use and work that was done last week, but that a majority of the SFA neighbors want the project finished sooner rather than later
 - Need to put a plan together for what is allowed in SFA, and requested that that be added to the Streets Committee for discussion
 - Councilwoman Myers reminded Mr. Sullivan that it was residents within the SFA who instigated the extension of motor vehicle use dates and the creation of an additional motor vehicle zone. If the neighborhood is having misgivings about the earlier and later use dates in their area, they can approach the Council to discuss that
 - o Mr. Horn informed the Council that they would also like to use a walk behind trencher for the installation of the irrigation lines
 - Did not apply for that to this meeting, so it can wait until the next meeting
 - Same type of trencher used by other landscapers throughout the island during the summer, less impactful than an excavator.
 - o Councilman Moskwa inquired if there was any more work that may come up that needs to be discussed and approved?
 - Mr. Horn said there should be no more work needing vehicles coming up
 - o Mr. Sullivan inquired what will be done about the grass?
 - Mr. Horn noted that the grass will all be seeded by hand

Motion by Sehoyan, seconded by Corrigan, to grant Stonecliffe an additional two (2) days – Thursday June 13th and Friday June 14th – to plant the remaining trees between the Manor V duplexes and the golf course with their annually permitted Kubota and Avant. The request to use the trencher for the irrigation system must be brought back to the June 26th Council meeting for discussion.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Sehoyan

Voting Nay: Myers, St. Onge

- Approval of a vehicle permit for Belonga Excavating to perform sewer repair work at the McCarty residence located at 2794 Park Dr. (Trillium). Work date is to be determined depending on their current job, but Belonga will update the Clerk's office as soon as they know.

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to approve the vehicle permit under health, safety, and welfare.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Approval of the following NEW Business License Applications

THE STRAITS & HORSEY'S THE MERCANTILE THE BACKYARD
MOTION made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan to approve the applications.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Approval of the following Off-Island Business License Applications
JASON CLEVELAND CONTRACTING SISAS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOME SERVICES MI REAL ESTATE
 - An application was also submitted by Bayview Yacht Club DBA High Winds Graphix – Council would like to know the location where the merchandise will be sold before approving the application.

Motion by Moskwa, seconded by St. Onge, to table the application from Bayview Yacht Club until the June 26th meeting, for more information.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

Motion by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the other three (3) Off Island Business License Applications listed above.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

XII. Miscellaneous / General Council Discussion / Additional Agenda Items

- Councilman Corrigan noted that the street light near the Biddle Point Pump Station has been out for a while
 - o City Foreman Mike Ruddle noted that he had not been made aware of the issue before now, and that he will look in to it
- Councilwoman Myers inquired about the contract for Officer Gruits
 - o Mayor Doud noted that the contract is still being worked out
- The Letter of Agreement with David Lipovsky was presented
 - o Mayor Doud asked the Council members to review the agreement and stated that it would be discussed at the June 26th meeting.
- Mayor Doud informed the Council and audience that the speed limit for bikes has passed the house and next week it will go to the senate again
 - o The State Park and the Police Department will need to work together to get some signage - 10 MPH in town, 15 MPH out of town
 - o Councilwoman Myers inquired if the signs need to be standard speed limit signs
 - o Councilman Sehoyan inquired if they could be smaller signs like you see on Snowmobile trails
 - o Chief Topolski noted that the requirement is just for posting at entrances. Shouldn't have to post throughout town - maybe at the docks and airport?
 - o Councilman Sehoyan suggested posting on each end of town as well
 - Windermere Hotel to Doud's corner
 - Councilman Corrigan suggested posting near Mission Point and the School
 - o Councilwoman Myers noted that the signs should be reviewed by the Council before they are ordered
 - o Chief Topolski suggested looking at the manual on uniform traffic control devices

Motion by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to enter in to closed at 5:05 pm to discuss a written attorney opinion.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

Motion by St. Onge, seconded by Corrigan, to leave closed session at 5:56 pm.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

Motion by Moskwa, seconded by Sehoyan, to enter in to open session at 5:56 pm.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge