

**Approved Minutes of July 13, 2022 Regular St. James Board Meeting**  
St James Township Hall | 37735 Michigan Ave. | Beaver Island, MI | 5:30 pm

**Present**

Fingerroot, Gillespie, Cole, McDonough

**Absent**

none

**General**

Trustee Cole called to order a regular meeting of the St. James Township Board at 5:32 pm on July 13, 2022.

McDonough requested to modify the following items to the agenda:

- approve credit card with limit of \$5,000 for Interim Supervisor

**Moved** by Gillespie, supported by McDonough to accept Joe Moore's resignation as Interim Supervisor as of July 11, 2022.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Gillespie, supported by McDonough to approve June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 23, June 30, and July 6, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes with a correction on the June 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes regarding Treasurer McDonough's General Budget completion. There will be a special meeting called to address this.

**Motion Carried- Unanimous**

**Finance Report**

**Moved** by McDonough, supported by Gillespie to approve the Payments of Bills presented by Clerk.

**Motion Carried- Unanimous**

**Correspondence/Updates/Committee Reports**

**Moved** by Cole, supported by Gillespie to approve an additional \$600 for the purchase of SJT Maintenance Truck snow plow.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

**Moved** by McDonough, supported by Gillespie to approve hiring Skylar Marsh to work as a marina attendant for \$17/hour part time.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

**Moved** by McDonough, supported by Gillespie to approve the TIS Field Techs to travel to High and Garden Island, with possible camping, for shoreline surveys.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

**Moved** by Cole, supported by McDonough to approve recognizing the inherent recreational and community use value of the Karnes property for sale on the harbor contiguous to the existing Gillespie Beach Parking Lot, and, contiguous to the St. James Township Governmental Center; further recognizing the urgency of pursuing the purchase to avoid private development, the township board hereby authorizes Kathleen McNamara to act on its behalf to form a core group to pursue an out-of-cycle process with the MNRTF for acquisition of Karnes Harbor Lots 52 & 53.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

**Moved** by Cole, supported by McDonough to approve recognizing that if the acquisition process is approved by the MNRTF, a 25% local match will be required amounting to approximately \$240,000; the board commits to arranging for a closed-bid sale of "Old DNR Property Harborside Parcel", the entirety of the proceeds to go towards this grant; further the board agrees to a commitment of up to \$50,000 from other township revenue sources.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

**Moved** by McDonough, supported by Fingeroot to approve the appointment of Roberta Welke as Interim Supervisor effective immediately through the November 8, 2022 Election.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

**Moved** by McDonough, supported by Fingeroot to approve a credit card for the Interim Supervisor with a credit limit of \$5,000.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

**Public Comment**

None

**Board Comment**

None

**Moved** by McDonough, supported by Gillespie to adjourn at 6:37 pm.

**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

Submitted by:

Patti Cull, Deputy Clerk  
St. James Township  
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX