

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

November 14, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Crowley, Supervisor; Amy Richards, Clerk; Rosemary Hyde, Treasurer Tim Rau, Trustee and Steve Sprague, Trustee.

MEMBER ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Douglas Crowley

Pledge to the Flag

A **Motion** was made by Hyde to approve the Agenda, Second Rau. **Motion** carried.

A **Motion** to approve the October 10, 2018 regular Township board meeting, public hearing, and special meeting minutes and the November 2, 2018 special meeting and public hearing minutes was made by Hyde, Second Rau. **Motion** carried.

Treasurer's Report: The report was distributed to the audience and Board Members. A **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Richards, Second Sprague. **Motion** carried.

Payment of Bills: A **Motion** to approve the Payment of Bills was made by Hyde, Second Richards **Motion** carried.

Supervisor's Comments: *Discussed the state of the asphalt drive and the discussion with Shook Asphalt to postpone until next year. *Employee hand book review

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: Deputy Snyder read the Sheriff's report.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz, Chairman, was not present.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting since last Board Meeting.
- Cemeteries: One burial in West Montcalm Cemetery
- Library Board: The Library Board meeting agenda and report is posted on the Township bulletin board.
- Zoning Administrator: Zoning Administrator Mike Nelson issued 7 permits since the last meeting.
- County Commissioner: County Commissioner John Johansen reported on the following: Solar farms in other Townships/potential for Wind farms
- Fire Department: Chief Dickinson read the fire report Application for a new FEMA Grant
*encouraged audience to attend the blood drive
- Trustees: Thanked the audience for attending the meeting, Rau thanked Crowley for the audio equipment.
- Clerk: Thanked the election inspectors for their hard work at the election.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports: *Discussion about the affect of the passing of recreational marijuana on the FEMA grant. *Discussion about the payment of bills and Treasurers report. *Discussion about the old engine for sale.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Appoint Jessica Shearer as the Recording Secretary to the ZBA Broad. A **Motion** to appoint Jessica Shearer to be the Recording Secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Hyde, Second Rau. **Motion** carried.
- Appoint Pam Nichols to the Flat River Library Board to represent Montcalm Township. A **Motion** to appoint Pam Nichols to be the Montcalm Township Library Representative for the Flat River Library Board was made by Richards, Second Hyde. **Motion** carried.
- Review the Police Protection Agreement. A **Motion** to approve the new 3 year Police Protection Agreement was made by Richards, Second Hyde. **Roll Call Vote:**
 - **Aye:** Douglas Crowley; Amy Richards; Rosemary Hyde, Tim Rau, and Steve Sprague.
 - **Nay:** None
- Meeting with Montcalm County Road Commission on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 10:40 am at the Road Commission office. Crowley, Rau and Sprague plan to attend.
- Review of the Solar Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. A **Motion** to approve the Solar Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was made by Richards, Second Hyde. **Roll Call Vote:**
 - **Aye:** Douglas Crowley; Amy Richards; Rosemary Hyde, Tim Rau, and Steve Sprague.
 - **Nay:** None
- Denali Training – Computer. A discussion about needed software training. Crowley will look further into training options.
- Meeting packet information. Changing the dates of the Treasurers report and the Payment of Bills report was discussed in order to have the information available for the trustees was discussed. A **Motion** to table the discussion to the December meet to have time to review reporting options was made by Richards, Second Hyde. **Motion** carried.

Public Comment: Discussion on the township board minutes, payment of bills reporting, budget reporting, and Township finances occurred. One Gowen citizen discussed a neighbor property dispute about an alley in Gowen; the Deputy advised he would check on the progress from last month. A request for Township membership with MTA was suggested. Local Realtor suggested a coat drive. A local Pastor introduced herself.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Richards, Second Hyde. **Motion** carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Richards, Clerk

Posted: _____ Approved