

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

December 12, 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 Rau to approve the Agenda, Second Hyde. **Motion** carried.

A **Motion** to approve the November 14, 2018 regular Township board meeting minutes was made by Sprague, 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 Sprague, Second Rau. **Motion** carried.

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

Supervisor's Comments: *Discussed the Road Commission meeting details and proposed road budget.
*provided update of Wise Road bridge.

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: Deputy Snyder read the Sheriff's report.
- Planning Commission: No report, Richard Karnatz, Chairman, was not present.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting since last Board Meeting.
- Cemeteries: No report.
- Library Board: The Library Board meeting agenda and report is posted on the Township bulletin board.
- Zoning Administrator: Zoning Administrator Mike Nelson issued 3 permits since the last meeting. Discussed current public interest in solar panels for residential use.
- County Commissioner: County Commissioner John Johansen reported on the following: The last meeting as Commissioner, Adam Peterson to report at the next meeting.
- Fire Department: Chief Dickinson read the fire report after returning from a fire call.
- Trustees: Thanked the audience for attending the meeting and wished happy holidays
- Clerk: Informed the board of potential residency change.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports: none.

Old Business: Discussed board packet information potential changes.

New Business:

- Set 2019 Meeting dates and times for regular Township Board Meetings. A **Motion** to have the meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M was made by Sprague, Second Hyde. **Motion** carried.
- Appoint Mike Taft and Barb Bremer to new 2 year terms as members of the Board of Review. A **Motion** to support the two year term renewal of Taft and Bremer was made by Sprague, Second Hyde. **Motion** carried.
- Discussion about recreational marihuana laws. Discussion about opting in/out of participation in the interim of State set laws.
- Discussion about promoting the Deputy Clerk to Clerk. The Board discussed promoting the Deputy Clerk to Clerk after the Clerk is ineligible to be Clerk. A **Motion** to promote and appoint the Deputy Clerk as Clerk once the Clerk becomes ineligible was made by Hyde, Second Rau. **Motion** carried.

Public Comment: Discussion on the township board minutes, options and where to find additional information about the new recreational and medical marihuana proposals, potential financing available for marihuana growers & distributers and the Gowen alley dispute.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Richards, Clerk

Posted:

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