

## MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

January 9, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Douglas Crowley, Supervisor, Rosemary Hyde, Treasurer Tim Rau, Trustee and Steve Sprague, Trustee.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Amy Richards, Clerk

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.

Rau asked the board to correct the date on the meeting minutes from December 12 2018.

A **Motion** to approve the December 12, 2018 regular Township board meeting minutes was made by Hyde with the correct date on it 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 Hyde, Second Sprague **Motion** carried.

**Supervisor's Comments:** None

### Reports:

- Sheriff Report: No Sheriff to read report. The report is available at the township.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz informed the board that they had a meeting about short term rentals ordinance addition and they made some process on some of the items around the terminology. Richard Karnatz also informed the board that they should wait to do our master plan until the 2020 Census so we had up to date information
- Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting since last meeting.
- Cemeteries: 3 burials at East Montcalm
- Library Board: The Library Board meeting agenda and report is posted on the Township bulletin board.
- Zoning Administrator: Zoning Administrator Mike Nelson issued 2 permits since the last meeting. A total of 49 for the year. 9 new homes, 2 mobile homes, 29 outbuilding, 6 house addition, 2 solar units and 1 retaining wall.
- County Commissioner: County Commissioner Adam Petersen reported on the following they had their first orginalization meeting on January 2, 2019 at that meeting they appointed Commissioners to Committees. Adam was voted in as Vice Chair of the commissioners. They also reduced the committees down to 3 from 5. They changed the committees and board meeting times.

- Fire Department: Chief Dickinson read the fire report. Chief Dickinson asked the board to reappoint the members on the fire board member. Chief Dickinson asked the board for authorization to start the paper work to assist Maple Valley Fire Department in Auto Aid. Maple Valley would cover the west half of Montcalm Township and Montcalm would cover east half of Maple Valley in structure fires only. Chief Dickinson informed the board the old engine 3 has been sold for \$7500. Chief Dickinson informed the board that Montcalm dive team has asked the township fire department to assist them at the polar plunge on February 9 at Turk lake. Congrats to Chief Dickinson for passing his MFR class.

Rau made a **Motion** to allow Chief Dickinson to start the paperwork with Maple Valley, Second Hyde. **Motion** Carried.

- Trustees: Thanked the audience for attending the meeting and hoped everyone had a merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

- Clerk: None.

**Public Comment – Concerning Reports:** Rau ask Richard Karnatz if the state is getting anywhere with the short term rentals.

Mike Platt asked for a follow up with the issue he is having on Spencer rd. Mike Nelson informed him that he visited the family and gave them a copy of our ordinances. Mike Platt also asked if we had a sound ordinance. He was informed that it is 10p.m on the weekdays and 11 p.m. on the weekends.

**Old Business:** Discuss recreational marijuana laws/Proposed Ordinance to prohibit marijuana establishments and facilities.

The Board was presented with an ordinance to prohibit marihuana establishments and facilities in Montcalm Township. Until the state has written the rules and regulations for the new law.

Rau made a **motion** to accept the ordinance as written. Second Sprague.

Roll Call Vote

Sprague- YES

Rau- YES

Hyde- YES

Crowley- YES

Richards- Absent

**Motion** Carried.

**New Business:**

- Cougar Mountain Software. Crowley asked the board for authorization for 24 hours of training but we would only contact for the first 8 hours at the time.

Sprague made a **motion** to give Crowley the authorization to contact for 8 hours and if we need additional hours up to 24 hours. Rau Second **Motion** carried.

- Master Plan review and cost for 2019. Crowley asked the board to consider updating the master plan at the later date, present plan at next board meeting.

- Cost for Special Meetings/Public Hearings. Crowley informed the board that it is costing us more than \$500 to hold a meeting in which we charge the township members that request a meeting.

Hyde made a **Motion** to raise the fee to \$800 instead of \$500, Second Rau. **Motion** carried.

- Appointing Fire Board Members. The board was asked by Jerry McCoy to appointed Jerry McCoy for 3 years Erv Bradly for 1, Mike Martin for 2 years, and Ken Bradly for 2 years.

Hyde made a **Motion** to appoint the members on the fire board as requested. Second Sprague **Motion** Carried.

**Public Comment:** Ron Porter wanted to thank the board and the sheriff for their help on the Gowen Right-of-away, Discussion about the Gowen right away, Jerry Mccoy wanted to let the board and the citizens of the township know that we are really fortunate to have Chief Dickinson as a fire chief, that Montcalm runs a awesome department. Chief Dickinson responded to Jerry McCoy's comment with that it is the whole department not just him.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

Posted:

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