

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

May 8, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Crowley, Supervisor; Jessica Shearer, Clerk Tim Rau, Trustee and Steve Sprague, Trustee.

MEMBER ABSENT: Rosemary Hyde, Treasurer

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

Pledge to the Flag

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

A **Motion** to approve the April 10, 2019 regular Township board meeting minutes was made by Rau, Second Sprague. **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 Rau, Second Shearer. **Motion** carried.

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

Supervisor's Comments: Crowley wanted to remind people of Township Board Comment Procedures. Crowley talked with Pattern from the road commission and Kent County is going to provide the stone for west county line rd.

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: Deputy read the Sheriff's report.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz, Chairman told the board that at the planning commission meeting they talked about fencing and coming up with a ordinance and that would be tabled till the next meeting, and the planning commission talked about the medical marijuana ordinance.
- 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 5 permits since the last meeting. Mike Nelson commented that he has been to Spencer rd 3 times since last the board meeting.
- County Commissioner: County Commissioner Adam Petersen was absent, but left a note for Crowley to read the on the following The county finished their equalization report and it looks like the taxable land values have gone up in all areas of Montcalm county except Carson City. So that's good to see our property values climbing for a change. We had our annual audit done and reviewed in front of the board last month and we ended up in better shape than we originally expected. I think we were \$1.1million in the black. The County settled their lawsuit with the auditor for \$650,000.

- Fire Department: Chief Dickinson read the fire report. Chief Dickinson wanted to remind people of Township Clean up day on May 18 from 8 am to 12 pm., Montcalm County Public Safety Celebration will be May 18 from 9am to 12pm and the Blood Drive will be held on May 15 at the Township Hall.
- Trustees: Thanked the audience for attending the meeting.
- Clerk: Nothing to report.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

- A resident made a comment about Spencer Road and stated that it is not getting any better.
- A resident asked about paving Colby Road.
- A resident on Pine Drive asked about Speed Limit Signs for the road.

Old Business:

- Township Clean up Date May 18 from 8 am to 12 pm
- Cougar Mountain Software contract: The Contract has been signed and returned and Shearer is going to start setting up training hours.

New Business:

- Fire Board appointment to fill Vacancy: The Fire board recommend to the board the Adam Petersen be added to the Fire board for a term of 1 year. Sprague made the motion that we add Petersen to the Fire Board for a 1 year term. Second Rau **Motion** carried.
- Fire Department request to add personal: Chief Dickenson asked the board to add Brian Cousineau to the fire department. Sprague made the motion that we add Cousineau to the fire department. Second Rau **Motion** carried.

Public Comment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

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