

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

June 12, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Crowley, Supervisor; Rosemary Hyde, Treasurer and Tim Rau, Trustee

MEMBER ABSENT: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

Steve Sprague, Trustee Showed up at 7:35 p.m.

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 May 8, 2019 regular Township board meeting 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 Rau, Second Hyde. **Motion** carried.

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

Supervisor's Comments: *Thanked everyone who helped with Township Cleanup, Let everyone know that June 15 is Hazard Waste Day at the County.

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: No Report
 - Planning Commission: No report
 - 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 8 permits since the last meeting. Checked several violations within the township
 - County Commissioner: County Commissioner Adam Peterson Clarified his feelings about Water Quality officers with the health department, The County voted to give 40 hours a week to the County Clerk for her 2 assistant, They are trying to get her office open 5 days a week. They hired an EMS New education recruiter director so they are run their training thought these new positions.
 - Fire Department: Chief Dickinson read the fire report. Chief Dickinson asked the board for approval for a quote to repair Brush 2 and the annual DOT inspection.
- A **Motion** was made by Rau to approve the quote for the repair and the DOT inspection, Second, Hyde **Motion** Carried.

- Trustees: Rau encouraged residences to come to the July 3 Planning Commission Public Meeting for Medical Marihuana. Also wants the residents input on the mowing that is going on in our cemeteries.
- Clerk: None

Public Comment – Concerning Reports: none.

Old Business:

- **Roof work at the township hall has been completed.**

New Business:

- **Renewal of Township Liability & Property Insurance for 2019-2020 at a cost of \$11,822.00**

A **motion** was made by Hyde to accept the \$11,822.00 premium, Second Rau **Motion** Carried.

- **Amend the Montcalm Township Short Term Rental ORDINANCE R-2019-4 Section 4 A.1.a, which reads “In calculating the floor area of a bedroom having a sloped ceiling over all or part of the bedroom, only that portion of the bedroom with a clear ceiling height of seven(7) feet or more shall be included” Change to read five (5) feet or more**

A **Motion** was made by Rau to change the Montcalm Township Short Term Rental ORDINANCE R-2019-4 Section 4 A.1.a to read Five (5) feet instead of Seven (7) feet Second, Hyde. **Motion** Carried.

- **Michigan Township Association Membership** Reschedule for full board discussion.

Public Comment:

- A Resident has concerns about a zoning ordinance violation about chickens and that the Zoning administrator had not yet answered his concerns.
- A Resident on Oak Drive has concerns about a property on Oak Drive that had fire months ago and still it hasn't been cleaned up. They resident also has concerns about the short term rental ordinance and how the township is catering to the owners of the short term rental. The resident also has concerns about cameras pointed at his house.
- A Resident that owns the house on Oak Drive informed the people that they have been in contract with the sheriff and the sheriff told them they are allowed to have cameras up They are trying to get insurance company to release the house to them so they can clean it up. They are also working with Chief Dickinson on using the House that caught on fire for Training
- A Resident on Monroe Road talked about the Water Shed Grant. The article was in the newspaper on June 12.
- The Board and the residents of the township had a discussion on short term rental.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

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