

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

August 14, 2019

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

MEMBER ABSENT:

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 July 10, 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 Shearer, Second Rau. **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 for showing up .Crowley explained to the audience that only residents, business owners and land owners of Montcalm Township will be able to comment on Township Business. Crowley read the Comment Procedures.

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: No Sheriff to give report.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz reported there was no meeting last month. He reported that there will be a public hearing on September 4, 2019 to amend the zoning ordinance section 21.22 paragraph D also to remove the reference to 50 year flood plain in section 12.7.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: John Johansen reported that there was no meeting since last Board Meeting. The schedule ZBA meeting for August 21, 2019 is cancelled and moved to August 28, 2019 at 7:30p.m.
- 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 4 permits since the last meeting.
- County Commissioner: County Commissioner Adam Peterson was absent.
- Fire Department: Chief Dickinson read the fire report. Chief Dickinson talked about grave marker for fallen firefighters and asked the resident if they know of any to let him know.
- Trustees: Rau welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sprague thanked everyone for coming and that there was a full house.

- Clerk: No Comment.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

Old Business:

- **A proposed Ordinance to amend Article 7 of the Montcalm Township Zoning Ordinance by adding a new section 7.30 entitled “Medical Marihuana Facilities.”**

Hyde thinks we should send out surveys to ask what the people of the township want. Because we are here to serve the people.

Hyde made a **motion** to send out surveys to the property owners of the township. Second Rau

Roll Call:

Sprague- Yes

Shearer- No

Crowley-Yes

Hyde-Yes

Rau-Yes

Motion Carried

New Business:

- **Reappoint Richard Karnatz and Robert Hemmes to the Planning Commission for three year terms.**

Hyde made the **motion** that we reappoint Richard Karnatz and Robert Hemmes to the Planning Commission for three year terms Second Shearer.

Roll Call:

Sprague- Yes

Shearer-Yes

Crowley-Yes

Hyde-Yes

Rau-Yes

Motion Carried

- **Appoint Jeff Dolphin and Ed Hansen to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three year terms**

Shearer made the **motion** that we appoint Jeff Dolphin and Ed Hansen to the ZBA for three year term Second Hyde

Roll Call:

Sprague- No Vote

Shearer-Yes

Crowley-Yes

Hyde- Yes

Rau-Yes

Motion Carried.

- **Michigan Township Association Membership, Neil Sheridan**

Neil Sheridan from the MTA talked about the benefits of joining the MTA.

Rau made the **Motion** that we join the MTA Second Sprague.

Roll Call:

Sprague- Yes

Shearer-No

Crowley-No

Hyde- No

Rau – Yes

Motion Failed.

Public Comment:

- A residents from Perch lake asked questions about how the lawyer fees would be cheaper if we joined the MTA
- Residents from Perch Lake spoke up on how they are on the Danish festival committee and that she loves the MTA.
- A business owner on peck rd asked who will be getting the surveys.
- A resident from Monroe rd commented on it concerns him that we are not going to join the MTA.
- A property owner on Wise rd expressed his feeling on the Medical Marihuana Faculties Ordinance.
- A resident from Perch Lake wants the survey done.
- A resident from Colby rd expressed his feeling on how we should join the MTA and expressed his concerns about Colby road.
- A business owner on wise rd says we should listen to the people and we should be ashamed that we are making people fight for medicine.
- A property owner on Peck rd asks about a timeline for the survey.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

Posted:

August 26, 2019 @ 8:00p.m.

Approved

