

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

September 11, 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 Hyde to approve the Agenda, Second Rau. **Motion** carried.

A **Motion** to approve the August 14, 2019 regular Township board meeting minutes was made by Sprague, Second Hyde. **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 Sprague, Second Hyde **Motion** carried.

Supervisor's Comments: Thanked everyone for showing up. Crowley explained to the audience that the Road contracts invoices were in and we are working on them to pay. He explained that Fitzner Road from Peck Rd to Spencer Rd is being worked on for the detour when M-91 is being worked on next year.

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: The Deputy who has been on duty since September to cover Sidney and Montcalm Township gave the sheriff report.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz reported there will be no meeting next month. The Planning commission had a public meeting on September 4 about Chickens and the board decided to table the discussion until November. He recommended that the township board review ordinance handling the junk cars. The board should also look into a nuisance ordinance. The November meeting will be the last meeting of the year.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: Jeff Dolphin spoke on John Johansen's behalf. The ZBA held a reorganization meeting on August 28, 2019. The ZBA welcomed new members Ed Hansen and Jeff Dolphin to the board. The ZBA approved 1 year extension for the variance of Michael Russell. The ZBA asked the township board to approve the ZBA meeting to be held quarterly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00p.m.
A **Motion** to approve the ZBA request to hold meeting quarterly was made by Rau, Second Hyde **Motion** carried.
- 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.
- County Commissioner: County Commissioner Adam Peterson informed the board on what is going on at the county level. Adam Peterson answered some of the resident's question about issues that is going on at the county.
- Fire Department: Chief Dickinson read the fire report.
- Trustees: Rau commented it's nice to see the amount of people in the crowd. Rau asked for a moment of silence for the people we lost on 9/11. Sprague thanked everyone for coming and asked residents to turn there survey in.
- Clerk: Shearer explained to the board that she would like to bring a little take and bring a book library to the township. Shearer explained that Jerry McCoy gave a quote to build one for the township for \$81.18. Shearer asked the board to approve her request.
A **Motion** was made by Sprague to spend \$81.18 on library second Rau. **Motion** Carried.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

Old Business:

- **Status of the Montcalm Township Survey concerning Medical Marihuana Facilities**
Hyde explained to the board that they have had 400 surveys returned. Rau thanked the board members who voted for the survey.
Public Comments- Concerning Reports:
- A resident on Turk lake informed the board that he has not received his survey. And that he has heard that a couple other people have not received there either.
- A resident on Colby Rd expressed that it is our reasonability to get everyone a survey. It is not the people of the townships responsibility to make sure they get a survey.
- A resident from Colby Rd informed the board that they also haven't received a survey.
- A resident from Colby Rd explained that they didn't get a survey but they knew to come up to the township and picked one up. This resident commented if the residents of the township didn't know about the survey they wouldn't know that it was coming and how would they know to come to the township to pick one up.
- A resident commented about putting it on the website.
- A business owner from peck rd wanted to know why Tim Rau went on the Radio Station.
- A resident that has lived in the township for 45 years wants to know what we are doing about the junk cars all over the place.
- A resident from Sidney rd asked when the audit was going to be done and wanted to know who keeps track of the budget and the actually spending.

New Business:

Approval for the purchase of 16 in floor registers

A **Motion** was made by Sprague that we spend \$320 for 16 new floor registers for the township hall from Russell's Plumber Second Rau **Motion** Carried.

Approval to hire 4 new fire fighters

A **Motion** was made by Hyde to hire 4 new fire fighters Second Shearer. **Motion** Carried

Public Comment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

Posted:

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