

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

November 13, 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

Crowley added to the agenda under new business Road Contracts and Fire Board recommendation.

A **Motion** was made by Hyde to approve the Agenda with the changes, Second Shearer. **Motion** carried.

A **Motion** to approve the October 9, 2019, 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 Sprague, Second Shearer.

Motion carried.

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

Supervisor's Comments: Road Commission Annual Meeting will be held on December 18, 2019 at 10:40

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: Deputy Ingraham gave the sheriff report.
 - Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz reported that the planning commission had a special land use request for a "MET" wind data tower; it was approved unanimous within planning commission. Karnatz informed the board that officers for the planning commission were picked and they will stay the same. Karnatz informed the board that the planning commission set meeting schedule for 2020, the meetings will be held quarterly to meet the township bylaws. The meeting will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 7 pm. The planning commission passed a Chicken ordinances amendment that at some time the township board will have to take it up. Karnatz informed the board that the planning commission member and the residents that attended the meeting had a great discussion of blight, meaning junk cars, how many junk should be allowed and what qualifies as a junk car.
 - Zoning Board of Appeals: John Johansen reported that the ZBA held a meeting on October 16, 2019. The ZBA is now on schedule for all required meeting for the year.
- Library Board: The Library Board meeting agenda and report is posted on the Township bulletin board.
- Cemeteries: No report.

- Zoning Administrator: Zoning Administrator Mike Nelson issued 2 permits since the last meeting. Mike Nelson commented that he visited and sent out the violation paper work, but he needs something to back it up with it.
- County Commissioner: County Commissioner Adam Peterson informed the board on what is going on at the county level.
- Fire Department: Chief Dickinson read the fire report. Chief Dickinson reported that Montcalm Fire Department won the annual Food Drive within the county. The food that was collected was donated Barry House. Chief Dickinson reported that LKQ has an empty building on their property that they are not using anymore. The Chief is looking to stage trucks there for the M-91 Construction.
- Trustees: Sprague thanked everyone for showing up and to stay warm. Rau commented that CBS had an article on 60 minutes regarding Marihuana and the direction the state is going. Rau commented that it was a precursor for what is coming here to Michigan.
- Clerk: Shearer informed the board and residents that the township Little Library was completed. Shearer thanked Chief Dickinson for putting it up. Shearer informed the board and residents that they can leave their books at the fire station for now.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

A resident commented about the treasurer’s report and asked about ending balance. This resident also asked what was the percentage that fire department has used from their budget.

A resident asked about break down of the revenue that was on the treasurer’s report.

A resident asked what we are doing about the cemeteries.

A resident asked about the payment of bills.

Rau asked about the Audit.

A resident commented about a property on Turk Lake and how they haven’t cleaned it yet.

Public Comment- Old Business

Old Business:

A Proposed ordinance to repeal in its entirety Township ordinance no. 2019 -05 entitled “AN Ordinance to regulate the licensing of Marihuana facilities” and to reaffirm the prohibition of marijuana facilities within the township as set forth in township ordinance no 2019-01 entitled “an ordinance to prohibit marijuana establishment and faculties in Montcalm Township”.

Rau made a **motion** to support 2019-06 Second Hyde

Roll Call Vote:

Sprague – Yes

Shearer- Yes

Hyde- Yes

Rau- Yes

Crowley- Yes

Motion Carried.

New Business:

- **Special land use request for “MET: wind data tower**

Hyde made a **Motion** to accept the special land use request for “MET” wind data tower. Second Sprague **Motion** Carried.

- **Road Contracts**

Sprague made a **motion** to accept the road contract for 2 36” Elliptical Corrugated Metal Culverts on Colby Road between Johnson Road and Satterlee Road. Second Shearer **Motion** Carried.

- **Hall Rental Rules**

Crowley commented that we have been having residents renting the township hall for other people. Crowley commented that we have had a couple firefighters who have rented it for the employee price for other people. The Board agreed that it needs stop.

- **Cemetery funding**

Crowley suggests that we transfer the funds in the cemetery land account into a general account.

The board members discussed different options that we could be done with the funds.

Hyde made a **motion** that we move the cemetery land to Fifth Third Bank Saving account. Second Rau **Motion** Carried.

- **Montcalm Fire Board Recommendations**

Crowley asked the Montcalm Fire Board to come up with recommendations for salary health care retirement, PTO and compensated leave for Chief Dickinson. Crowley suggested that the board put together a committee to review the recommendations. The board discussed putting together a committee with 3-5 people on it which included township board members and fire board members and residents from the township

Sprague made a **motion** to put a committee together with 5 people, Second, Shearer. **Motion** Carried.

Tim Rau, Doug Crowley and Adam Petersen volunteered to be on the committee.

Crowley expressed his feeling about how the Montcalm Fire Board and the supervisor need to communicate.

The Board discussed about buying a new/old fire truck from maple valley for \$40,000 with a \$20,000 down payment to replace one of our fire truck.

The Fire Board asked the township board to accept Erv Bradley and Adam Petersen for a 2 year term.

Hyde made a **motion** to accept Erv Bradley and Adam Petersen to the fire board for another 2 year term. Second Sprague. **Motion** Carried.

Public Comment:

A resident commented that we are light on our hall rentals.
A resident questioned what the fire board is used for.

Montcalm County Treasurer talked about foreclosures and explained that she wants to help people so they would not lose their house. The County Treasurer told the Board and residents that there are programs out there to help.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

Posted:

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