

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

OCTOBER 9, 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 old business public comments after we hear the results of the Montcalm Township Survey results. Crowley also added under new business discussion of ordinance #108 Trash Ordinance and ordinance #109 Junk and inoperable vehicles. Both ordinances were passed on May 6, 1998.

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

A **Motion** to approve the September 11, 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: Crowley told the board that he is working on a monthly budget report. Crowley informed that board that the township audit is schedule for October 16, 2019.

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: The Deputy Ingraham gave the sheriff report.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz reported there wasn't a meeting last month. He reported that there will be a meeting on November 6 at 7. The November meeting will be the last meeting for the year.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: John Johansen reported that the ZBA will hold a meeting on October 16, 2019 at 7p.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 5 permits since the last meeting.
- 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. Dickinson express his concerns about how the fire trucks are going to get down finzter road shutdown of M-91 in 2020, Dickinson and the fire department are trying to come up with solutions
- Trustees: Rau commented that the board had an important decision to make. Rau commented that the board members should express their reasons about why they are voting the way they are. Sprague thanked everyone for showing up and to have a safe drive home.
- Clerk: Shearer informed that board that the township audit would be started on October 16, 2019 at 11:30a.m.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

A Landowner asked that Deputy question about death rate and millage plans.

A resident asked if we could put the total amounts we paid on the payment of bills. This resident also asked if we could add where we get revenue from.

A resident asked what we are doing about the cemeteries.

A resident told the board members that we should look into having the cemeteries surveyed.

Old Business:

- **Results of the Montcalm Township Survey concerning Medical Marihuana Facilities**
Hyde informed the boards that 1500 surveys were sent out and that 527 surveys were sent back and 338 voted no and 189 voted yes.

Public Comment:

A resident asked Hyde how many come back that weren't counted, Rose responded with 12 surveys come back with no names on it, some people just returned their survey with nothing on it.

A property owner asked the board if they were going to include the results of statewide election when they deceived to vote.

Rau Thanked Hyde for stepping up and taking on the survey.

A business owner also thanked Hyde for stepping up and told her that the whole township appreciate her hard work.

- **A proposed ordinance to amend article 7 of the Montcalm Township Zoning Ordinance by adding new section 7.30 entitled "Medical Marihuana Facilities"**
- Rau made a **Motion** that we Vote No on the proposed ordinance to amend article 7 of the Montcalm Township Zoning Ordinance by adding new section 7.30 entitled "Medical Marihuana Facilities" Second Sprague.

Roll Call Vote:

Rau- No

Hyde-No

Crowley-No

Sprague-No

Shearer-No

Motion Passed.

Rau made a **motion** that we to rescinding the ordinance 2019-05 “An Ordinance to regulate the licensing of medical marihuana faculties”.

Crowley would personally want to talk to attorney about rescinding the ordinance. Rau agreed.

Rau commented that we might want to reword ordinance 0-2019-1 “An Ordinance to Prohibit Marihuana Establishments and Facilities in Montcalm Township” To include Medical and recreational facilities.

The Board member and the resident of the township discussed what could be done.

The Board member decided to talk to the attorney.

Public Comment:

A resident asked if we could put the marihuana to rest for a little while.

A resident thanked Chief Dickinson for his help with the cemeteries.

New Business:

- **Trash Ordinance 108 and Junk and inoperable vehicles 109**

Crowley asked that board to allow the planning commission to look over the ordinances and to revise the ordinances and make them a police power ordinance.

The township board and the township resident discussed what we could add to make them better. A resident of the township expressed their concerns and asked questions.

The Township Board agreed to let the planning commission to take a look at the ordinances #108 and #109.

Public Comment:

A resident asked about how we come up with new people for our committees.

A resident asked about Salary Compression commission and annual meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

Posted:

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