

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

January 08, 2020

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 the audit status, Crowley also added under New Business Fire Truck purchase, Amended FOIA Policy and Procedures Resolution Appendix A, Fees and Costs and Board of Review Classes.

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

A **Motion** to approve the December 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 amended Treasurer's report was made by Rau, Second Sprague. **Motion** carried.

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

Supervisor's Comments Crowley informed the board and the residents that he is getting everything around for the Fire Compensation Committee.

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: Deputy Edwards introduced himself as the new deputy for Montcalm and Sidney Township. Deputy Edwards gave the sheriff report.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz reported there wasn't a meeting last month. He reported that there will be a public hearing on February 5, 2020 at 7pm for a rezoning request followed by a regular meeting.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: John Johansen reported that the ZBA will be holding a meeting on January 15, 2020.
- 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 3 permits since the last meeting. Mike Nelson commented that he write 51 permits in 2019, which is recorded high for him.
- 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 thanked the community for all the kind letters they sent in. Chief Dickinson informed the board that LKQ is still agreeing

to let the Montcalm Township fire department to stage trucks on their property during the M-91 Construction in 2020. Chief Dickinson invited the board members and their spouses to the Fireman's Banquet on February 8, 2020.

- Trustees: Sprague thanked Chief Dickinson and the Montcalm fire department for all their hard work Sprague thinks that we have the best fire department around. Rau informed the board members and the residents the roads around Perch Lake are closed due to high water over the road.

- Clerk: Nothing to report.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

A resident asked about the revenue report.

A resident asked about the cemetery revenue.

A resident asked about the cemetery software.

Tim asked about the pile of leafs that were in front of East Montcalm.

Public Comment- Old Business

Old Business:

- **Review and correction/ adjustment of the 2019-2020 Township budget**

Rau made a **motion** that we approve the correction/ adjustment of the 2019-2020 Township budget.
Second Hyde

Roll Call Vote

Sprague- Yes

Shearer-Yes

Crowley-Yes

Hyde-Yes

Rau-Yes

Motion Carried.

- **Audit Status**

Crowley explained to the board members and the residents that we received a letter from the state of Michigan. This was a request for improvement of Deficiencies and Corrective Action plan. Crowley explained that we have contracted our audit to help us respond to the letter.

Crowley informed that the resident can get a copy of the audit on the state of Michigan Treasury website.

New Business:

- **March Board of Review Classes**

Sprague made a **Motion** that we pay the \$50 for the class. Second Shearer **Motion** Carried.

- **Fire Truck Purchase**

Crowley explained how the tax levy was set up. Crowley explained that we have spent \$30,000 out of the \$100,000 that was set up for extra equipment spending. Crowley explained that Maple Valley had come back with an offer for us to purchase their fire truck for \$40,000. Maple Valley would like \$20,000 up front and \$10,000 for the next 2 years with no interest.

A resident asked about the old truck that we are going to switch the new truck with.

A resident asked about financing the truck.

A resident made comment that we should just buy the truck.

A resident commented that he didn't think we would get a better deal on the truck than this one.

Shearer made a **motion** that we purchase the fire truck from maple valley for the next 3 years with \$20,000 down and \$10,000 for the next 2 years with no interest. Second Rau

Roll Call Vote

Sprague- Yes

Shearer- Yes

Crowley- Yes

Hyde- Yes

Rau- Yes

- **Amended FOIA Policy and Procedures Resolution Appendix A, Fees and Costs**

Hyde made a **motion** that we changed the resolution to add Tax roll request to .50 cent per parcel, \$13.50 to hourly rate, Copies to \$1.00 per page, digital copies to \$5.00 per email and remove the \$25 fee for disk copies. Second Shearer **Motion** Carried.

Public Comment:

A resident asked about an email that she sent out.

A resident asked about the annual meeting.

A resident asked about holiday beach and franchise fee on the revenue sheet.

A resident asked if liquor inspections were still happening.

A resident asked about the construction on M-91 and the crushed asphalt that would be left over.

Adam Petersen informed that board and the residents that he is doing a vote on facebook to see were the residents would like to see his County Commissioner pay check go.

A resident informed the people on how bad Dickinson lake rd is where the 2 water ponds are.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

Posted:

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