

## MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1880 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

February 12, 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 new business the Presentation by IM Safe Child Advocacy center will be at the March Meeting.

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

A **Motion** to approve the January 8, 2020 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 Shearer, Second Sprague. **Motion** carried.

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

**Supervisor's Comments** Crowley informed the board that the M-91 Construction will start in March. His concerns are with Sidney and Fitzner rd intersection, he has expressed his concerns with the road commission. Crowley encouraged everyone to come vote on March 10, 2020.

### **Reports:**

- Sheriff Report: Deputy Edwards gave the sheriff report. Sheriff Williams spoke to the board and the residents on the Mileage that is on the March 10 election.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz reported that the planning commission held a public meeting on February 5, 2020 for rezoning request from Lakeside Motor Sports and they had a regular board meeting after. Karnatz informed the board and the residents that the next planning commission meeting will be held in May.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: John Johansen reported that the ZBA will be held a meeting on January 15, 2020. John Johansen informed that board that the ZBA meeting that was supposed to be in April will be canceled; unless something comes up that the ZBA has to act on.
- Library Board: The Library Board meeting agenda and report is posted on the Township bulletin board.
- Cemeteries: 1 Burial in East Montcalm.
- Zoning Administrator: Zoning Administrator Mike Nelson issued 3 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. Chief Dickinson thanked that community for all their donations to the Fireman's banquet. Chief Dickinson informed the board and the residents that Ed Petersen had passed away and that his funeral will be Thursday February 13. Ed Petersen had served on the Montcalm Fire Department. Chief Dickinson informed the board and the residents that the

original plan was to stage trucks at Keystone during that M-91 construction but since the fire and keystone rebuilding that plan has changed. Paul Main has offered to let the fire department stage trucks on his property. Chief Dickinson introduced Chaplain VanDop and asked that board that Chaplain VanDop get paid for mileage as his role of Chaplain for our fire department. Chaplain Vandyke talked about his role as a chaplain.

Sprague made a **motion** that the Chaplain gets paid mileage for his role as chaplain Second Shearer **Motion**  
Carried

- Trustees: Sprague thanked everyone for coming. Rau thanked all the boards for all their hard work.
- Clerk: Shearer informed the residents of the March 10 election and informed everyone that if they need a application for absent voter's ballot to let her know and she would be more than happy to give them one

#### **Public Comment – Concerning Reports:**

A Resident informed the board that the Road commissions are doing tree work on Fitzner Road and when the road commission has shut some of the road off as they are dropping some trees.

A Resident asked about the junk cars ordinance.

A resident made a comment about medical marijuana and the 10% they collect from taxes from it will not support the sheriff's department

A resident commented that he is having problems with his neighbor's dog and wanted to know what he could do about it. This resident asked about the junk cars ordinance.

#### **Public Comment- Old Business**

##### **Old Business:**

- **Review and adjustment of the 2019-2020 Township budget**  
Sprague made a **motion** that we approve the correction/ adjustment of the 2019-2020 Township budget and to get the ice rescue truck fixed for the fire department and to transfer \$20,000 from the fire millage account to the general account Second Shearer.

##### **Roll Call**

**Sprague- Yes**

**Shearer-Yes**

**Crowley-Yes**

**Hyde-Yes**

**Rau-Yes**

##### **Motion Carried.**

- **Fire Chief Compensation committee suggestion**  
The committee recommended to the board that we accept 20 days of PTO. Vacation/Sick Time Rau made a **motion** that we give Chief Dickinson 20 days of PTO Second Hyde **Motion** Carried

**New Business:**

- **Resolution to adopt 2020 Poverty Guidelines and Asset Standards**

Hyde made a **motion** to accept 2020 Poverty Guidelines and Asset Standards Second Shearer **Motion** Carried

- **Resolution to adopt alternate start dates for March 2020, July 2020 and December 2020 board of review**

Shearer made a **motion** that we adopt the resolution for alternate start date for March 2020, July 2020 and December board of review Second Hyde

**Roll Call**

**Sprague - Yes**

**Shearer- Yes**

**Hyde- Yes**

**Crowley- Yes**

**Rau- Yes**

**Motion Carried**

- **2020 Chloride Contract**

Sprague made a **Motion** that we accept the 2020 Chloride Contract Second Rau **Motion** Carried.

- **Township Clean up date**

Crowley informed that board and the residents that Chief Dickinson is in touch with different trash companies and we are going to keep the township clean up date to be the 3rd Saturday in May.

- **Rezoning request to rezone property number 59-014-028-032-20 from agricultural to commercial. This would include frontage and 355 feet back. This property is owned by Lakeside Motor sports Inc.**

Rau made a **motion** that rezone property number 59-014-028-032-20 from agricultural to commercial Second Shearer **Motion** Carried.

- **Cemetery Lawn Care**

Hyde made a **motion** that we approve Heckman and Sons Lawn Care Contract for Cemetery Lawn Care. Second Shearer Motion Carried.

**Public Comment:**

A Resident asked about sex offender living in campers on someone else's property.

A resident commented about the Temporary light on Sidney rd and Fitzner rd.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Shearer, Clerk

Posted:

Approved