

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1880 S Greenville Rd,
Greenville, MI 48838 March 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Crowley, Supervisor; Rosemary Hyde, Treasurer, Jessica Shearer, Clerk, Steve Sprague, Trustee and Tim Rau, Trustee

MEMBER ABSENT:None

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 FOIA amended.

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

A Motion to approve the February 12, 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 Treasurer's report was made by Shearer, Second Rau. 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 thanked everyone who helped out with the election. Crowley informed everyone that MCC was holding a Wind Power seminar on March 19 at 7. Crowley informed everyone that MDOT will be holding a public meeting about the construction of M91 on March 17 from 5-7 at the township hall.

Reports:

- Sheriff Report: Deputy Edwards gave the sheriff report.
- Planning Commission: Richard Karnatz reported that the planning commission didn't have a meeting in March.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: John Johansen reported that the ZBA meeting 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: Shearer informed everyone that Heckman's Lawncare will be at East Montcalm the following week to start with Spring Clean up.

- Zoning Administrator: Zoning Administrator Mike Nelson issued 2 permits since the last meeting.

Mike Nelson informed the board that he send out certified mail to property owners who need to clean up their properties

- 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 informed residents if they would like to see the new truck (Engine 4) they were more than welcome. Chief Dickinson informed everyone that a company was stopping by to take a look at an old truck. Chief Dickinson informed that he turned his 2020-2021 Budget into Supervisor Crowley.Chief Dickinson informed that board that Engine 4 and Brush 2 will be set up at Paul Manns Farm during the construction of M91.

- Trustees: Sprague thanked everyone for coming. Rau thanked everyone who worked the election.

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- Clerk: Shearer thanked everyone that came out and voted on election day. Shearer thanked Rose, Sue, Dale, Chirs and Dawn for helping work the election. Shearer thanked the guys from the fire department that helped set up the election.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

A resident asked Mike Nelson about zoning rules.

A resident asked about tax bills.

Martin Ross who is running for Republic House Seat spoke.

Adam Eggleston who is running for Montcalm County 64th B Judge seat spoke.

Public Comment- Old Business

Old Business:

- Review and adjustment of the 2019-2020 Township budget

Hyde made a motion to approve the correction/adjustment of the 2019-2020 township budget. Second Rau Motion Carried.

Roll Call

Sprague- Yes Shearer-Yes Crowley-Yes Hyde-Yes

Rau-Yes

Public Comment-Concerning New Business: None

New Business:

- Montcalm Economic Alliance 2020

Sprague made a **motion** that we donate \$1,000 to the montcalm economic alliance. Second Rau **Motion** Carried.

- Proposed Road Commission Contracts

A **Motion** was made by Shearer to accept Road Commission Contracts for \$89,691 to base coat only, Top Course to be placed in 2021 on Colby Rd from Fitzner Rd to Berridge Rd and to accept Contract for \$10,000 for maintenance gravel. Second Hyde. **Motion** Carried

- Township Clean-up date is May 16, 2020 from 8am-Noon

Crowley informed that board and the residents will be May 16, 2020 from 8am to noon

- Set Public Hearing date for 2020-2021 budget and truth in taxation on March 27, 2020 at 7 pm

Shearer made a **motion** that set Public Hearing date for the 2020-2021 budget and truth in taxation for March 25, 2020 at 7 pm Second Rau **Motion** Carried.

- FOIA Amended

Sprague made a **motion** that we change appendix A Fees and Cost Deplication from \$1.00 To .10 per page, Change cost search to exceed 15 mins from 10 mins. Second Shearer **Motion** Carried.

Public Comments:

A resident commented about the rain we had last year and how they have affected the roads

A resident asked about the status of the audit.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Hyde Second Shearer. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Submitted By: Jessica Shearer, Clerk