

Montcalm Township Board Meeting Minutes

1880 S. Greenville Rd Greenville MI 48838

September 9, 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

• **Approval of Agenda**

A **Motion** was made by Sprague to approve the Agenda Second Rau. **Motion** Carried.

• **Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2020**

Sprague changed his **Motion** in the August 12, 2020 regular Township Board meeting minutes to pay \$2,100 to the resident whose property was broken while getting their pool filled if our insurance will not cover it. Second Rau **Motion** Carried.

A **Motion** to approve the Changed August 12, 2020 regular Township board meeting minutes was made by Sprague, 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 Sprague, 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 informed everyone that Dickinson Rd Bridge is down to 3 tons. Crowley also informed as of September 9, 2020 that Montcalm County has 229 Cases and 4 Deaths due to Covid-19.

Reports:

• **Sheriff Report:** Deputy Edwards gave the sheriff report.

• **Planning Commission:** Richard Karnatz reported that the planning commission had 2 meetings in the month of August. The first meeting was a regular meeting and the other meeting was for a Public hearing to allow fuel depots by right in light industrial zoned areas.

• **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Nothing to report

• **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 informed the board that he issued 3 permits for the month of August.

• **County Commissioner:** Adam Petersen was unavailable to attend the meeting but sent an email to give his update. In his email he explained that the county has not set the budget yet and that the sheriff department is posting positions for deputies.

• **Fire Department:** Chief Dickinson read his fire report.

• **Trustees:** Sprague thanked everyone for coming and it's nice to see a full room. Rau informed the board and the residents that he is resigning as trustee effective September 30, 2020. In his statement he said that it has been an honor to serve the residents of Montcalm Township for the last 4 years by working with this board and helping to ensure that actions taken by the board are in the best interest of the people that live and work in Montcalm Township.

• **Clerk:** Shearer had nothing to report.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

A Resident commented on Monroe Cemetery looking the best it has in years.

A Resident commented about how the construction of M91 was not fast enough, The resident also commented that she has been in touch with MDOT to get her yard fixed.

Public Comment- Concerning Old Business

None

Old Business

• **Police Protection Agreement**

Crowley explains that he and Hyde had a meeting with Sheriff Williams to come up with an agreement for 2021.

• **Proposed 2020-2021 Budget amendment**

Hyde made a **Motion** to accept the proposed amended 2020-2021 budget Second

Shearer. **Motion** Carried.

Roll Call Vote

Rau- Yes

Shearer-Yes

Crowley-Yes

Hyde- Yes

Sprague- Yes

Motion Carried.

• **Colby Road Paving**

Hyde made a **Motion** that we do phase 1 paving on Colby Road. Second Shearer **Motion** Carried.

• **State Treasury audit bill from 2011**

Sprague made a **Motion** that we pay \$5,382 to the State for the Treasury audit that was done in 2011. Second Hyde **Motion** Carried.

Public Comment-Concerning New Business:

New Business

• **Amend the Township Zoning Ordinance to allow fuel depots by right in light industrial zoned districts.**

Shearer made a **Motion** to allow fuel depots by rights in light industrial zoned districts Second Hyde **Motion** Carried.

• **Approval to buy a new printer for the office**

Sprague made a **Motion** to pay \$549.99 for a new printer for the office. Hyde second **Motion** Carried.

Public Comments:

A resident asked about the township clean up date.

A resident asked questions about the fuel depot.

A resident made a comment about recycling day at the Health Department for tires and electronics.

A resident thanked the board about paving Colby Road.

Adam Eggleston attended that meeting to introduce himself and explain that he is running for District Court Judge.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Hyde. Second Sprague. **Motion Carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 pm

Submitted

By: Jessica Shearer, Clerk on Wednesday September 16, 2020 @ 1:15pm