

Montcalm Township Board Zoom Meeting Minutes

1880 S. Greenville Rd Greenville MI 48838

January 13,2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Douglas Crowley, Supervisor; Rosemary Hyde, Treasurer, Jessica Shearer, Clerk, Edward Hansen, Trustee, Brian Cousineau Trustee

**MEMBER ABSENT:** None

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Douglas Crowley

Pledge to the Flag

Crowley wanted to add to the agenda a resolution to adopt alternate start dates for the Board of Review to March 2021, July 2021 and December 2021, a resolution to adopt taxpayers & non-resident taxpayers to protest in writing by letter or email for the board of review, a resolution to adopt 2021 poverty guidelines and asset standards. Crowley also added to extend planning commission members, Board of review ,Zoning board of appeals and Library board

- Jeff Dolphin(Planning Commission ) for another 3 years term 1/13/2021 to 1/13/2024
- Jessica Shearer(Planning Commission Board Liaison) for another 3 years term 11/20/2024
- Barb Bremer(Board of Review) for another 2 year term 1/13/2021-2/1/2023
- John Johansen(Zoning Board of Appeals) for another 3 year term 1/13/2024
- Steve Sprague(Zoning Board of Appeals) for 3 year term 1/13/2023
- Edward Hansen( Zoning Board of Appeals Board Liaison) for a 3 year term 11/20/2024
- Carol Cole (Library Board) for another 4 year term 11/20/2024

• **Approval of Agenda**

A **Motion** was made by Hyde to approve the Agenda with the changes Second Hansen **Motion** Carried.

• **Approval of Minutes from November 11,2020**

A **Motion** was made by Hyde to approve the minutes from November 11,2020. Second Cousineau **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 Hansen.

**Motion** carried.

• **Payment of Bills:**

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

• **Supervisor's Comments:** Crowley informed everyone that he met with Mark from the Road Commission to discuss the bridge on Dickinson Lake road. Crowley welcomed the new trustee Edward Hansen and Brian Cousineau.

**Reports:**

•**Sheriff Report:** No Report.

• **Planning Commission:** Richard Karnatz asked the Township Board to set meeting dates for 1st wednesday at 7pm for March,May,August

•**Zoning Board of Appeals:** John Johansen Chairman of the zoning board of appeals reported that the ZBA needs to hold a meeting in February to establish new members.

• **Library Board:** The Library Board meeting agenda and report is posted on the Township bulletin board.

• **Cemeteries:** Nothing to Report.

• **Zoning Administrator:** Zoning Administrator Mike Nelson issued 1 permits for the month of December

• **County Commissioner:** Adam Petersen gave a report on what was happening at the county level.

• **Fire Department:** Chief Dickinson read his fire report which included his yearly fire run

report.

- **Trustees:** Nothing.

- **Clerk:** Nothing to report

**Public Comment** – Concerning Reports:

Steve Sprague congratulated Edward Hansen and Brain Cousineau on becoming trustees.

The whole Montcalm Township Board thanked Steve Sprague for his time on the Board.

**Public Comment-** Concerning Old Business

**Old Business**

- **Police Protection Agreement**

Crowley gave an update that Sheriff Williams and himself couldn't come up with an agreement. As of December 31, 2020 Montcalm Township doesn't have a police protection agreement with Montcalm County Sheriff

**Public Comment-**Concerning New Business:

**New Business**

- **Resolution to adopt alternate start dates for Board of Review for March 2021, July 2021 and December 2021**
- **Resolution to adopt taxpayer and Non resident taxpayers to protest in writing by letter or email for Board of Review**
- **Resolution to adopt 2021 Poverty Guidelines and asset standards**

Hansen made a **motion** to accept all the resolutions for the Board of Review.

**Second** Cousineau

**Roll Call Vote**

- Hyde- Yes
- Crowley- Yes
- Hansen- Yes
- Shearer- Yes
- Cousineau- Yes

**Motion** Carried

- **Set Montcalm Township Board Meeting Dates**

Hyde made a **motion** that we keep the meeting dates to the 2nd Wednesday at 7pm **Second** Shearer

**Roll Call Vote**

- Hyde- Yes
- Hansen- Yes
- Crowley- Yes
- Shearer- Yes
- Cousineau

**Motion** Carried.

- **Planning Commission Members**

Hyde made the **motion** that the board extends Jeff Dolphins and Jessica Shearer Terms for another 3 years **Second** Hansen **Motion** Carried.

- **Board of Review Members**

Hyde **made** the motion that we extend Barb Bremer for another 2 years.  
Second Shearer **Motion** Carried.

- **Library Board**

Hyde made the **motion** that we extend Carol Cole terms for another 4 years.

**Second** Shearer **Motion** Carried.

- **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Hyde made the **motion** that the board extend John Johansen term to another 3 years and Steve Sprague term for 2 years and make Edward Hansen the board liaison for another 3 year term. **Second Shearer Motion Carried.**

- **Set Meeting Dates for Planning Commission**

Hansen made a **motion** that the township board set meeting dates for the planning commission on the 1st Wednesday at 7pm for March, May and August. **Second Hyde Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments**

- A resident asked about an amended proposed Wind Energy ordinance on our website. This resident was informed that the Planning Commission will have a meeting in August.
- A property owner asked how the resident of the township will be informed about the planning commission meeting.
- A resident asked if we could put a notice in our tax bills about the planning commission meeting
- A resident asked if it needs to be voted on to put it in the tax bill.
- A resident questioned about the time the board discussed things before voting on things. This resident also asked about who voted what to approve the members on the planning commission.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:4pm

Submitted

By: Jessica Shearer, Clerk