

Montcalm Township Board Meeting Minutes Via Zoom

1880 S. Greenville Rd Greenville MI 48838

April 14, 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

• **Approval of Agenda**

A **Motion** was made by Hansento to approve the Agenda. Second Hyde **Motion Carried.**

• **Approval of Minutes from March 10 2021 and March 24, 2021**

A **motion** was made by Hansen to approve the minutes.Hyde Second **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 Cousineau **Motion carried**

• **Supervisor's Comments:** Crowley told everyone that the township clean up date is May 1 from 8-Noon.

**Reports:**

• **Sheriff Report:** No Report.

• **Planning Commission: No Report**

• **Zoning Board of Appeals:** John Johasen informed the board that the ZBA will be having a meeting on April 21, 2021 at 7pm.

• **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 informed the board that he issued 16 permits for the month of February

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

• **Fire Department:** Jerry McCoy read the fire report. The report says they have had 13 fire runs since the last board meeting.. April Training includes Wildfire and grass fire operations.

• **Trustees:** Edward Hansen thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

• **Clerk:** Nothing to report

**Public Comment** – Concerning Reports:

**Public Comment-** Concerning Old Business

1. A Property owner commented that last month Brian moratorium should of had an open decision about it.
2. A resident thanked everyone who sits on the board and this resident agreed with the property owners comment about Brian moratorium. This resident let the board know that the residents are very concerned about wind energy.
3. A resident supports the moratorium and the board should talk with the township attorney.
4. A resident commented that he was very concerned about wind energy and agreed with other speakers and the township should take its time when coming up with an ordinance.

**Old Business**

• **Contract for 2020-2021 Audit**

Lake Michigan CPA Services contracted to do the township audit for \$3500. A **Motion** was made by Hyde that we let Lake Michigan CPA Services do the township 2020-2021 audit for \$3500. Second Shearer **Motion Carried.**

- **Natural River Zoning Requirements**

Crowley gave an update that the lawyer is getting the paperwork ready for the ordinance.

- **Temporary Moratorium**

1. Cousinsinau explained why he thinks the township should put a 6 months moratorium in place on Wind energy so the planning commission has enough time to come up with an ordinance to protect the township.

2. Crowley commented that he believes that no company is going to apply for a permit with our current ordinance within the next year.

A **motion** was made by Hansen to table the moratorium and have our lawyer write a correct moratorium Second Hyde. **Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment**-Concerning New Business:None.

**New Business**

- **Cougar Mountain software annual installation service plan cost is \$2203**

A **Motion** was made by Shearer to pay the \$2203 annual service plan to cougar mountain Second Hansen **Motion Carried.**

- **Fire Department Equipment-New Tires for Brush 90, Thermal imaging Camera and Polaris Viking brush vehicle.**

1..A **motion** was made by Hyde to purchase 2 Tires from Wonderland Tire for brush 90 for \$794.22 Second Shearer **Motion Carried.**

2. A **Motion** was made by Hyde to purchase Yamaha Viking Grass Unit from Nelson Speed Shop for \$12,000. Second Shearer.

**Roll Call Vote**

Crowley- Yes

Shearer-Yes

Hyde-Yes

Hansen-Yes

Cousineau- Yes

**Motion Carried.**

3. The board decided to table the purchase of Thermal Imaging Camera until the next board meeting.

- **Pool Filling Policy**

1. A **motion** was made by Cousinsineau to only fill township residents' pool Second Shearer **Motion Carried.**

- **Hall Rental**

1. A **Motion** was made by Hyde to open the township hall up for rental on May 1, 2021 Second Hansen **Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments**

1. A resident commented it was a great idea to open the hall up for rentals. This resident commented that we should maybe keep zoom meetings

2. A property owner commented on the good job on discussion on the moratorium. This property owner also commented that we should keep the zoom meetings

3. A resident asked about the baseball fields and asked if they could use them and fix them up. This resident also asked about an email from the lawyer for the conflict of interest on the planning commission

4. A resident comments that he is happy that the board decided to open the hall back up.

5. Ed Hansen asked Doug Crowley to explain the conflict of interest with the Fire Department and the trustee.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Hansen.Second Hyde. **Motion Carried.** Meeting  
Adjourned at 8:16pm  
Submitted By Jessica Shearer Montcalm Township Clerk