

Montcalm Township Board Meeting Minutes

1880 S. Greenville Rd Greenville MI 48838

June 9, 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 Hyde to approve the agenda Hansen Second **Motion Carried.**

• **Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2021**

A **motion** was made by Hyde to approve the minutes, Hansen 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:** None.

Reports:

• **Planning Commission:** No Report

• **Zoning Board of Appeals:** No Report

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

• **Cemeteries:** Shearer informed everyone that they are working on getting the cemeteries cleaned up.

• **Zoning Administrator:** Zoning Administrator Mike Nelson informed the board that he issued 3 permits for the month of May.

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

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

• **Trustees:** Hansen thanked everyone for coming. Cousineau talked about seeing the email from the lawyer about the conflict of interest with Richard Kartaz the planning commission chairman. Cousineau talked about how Richard Kartaz spoke at the planning commission meeting about wind to the public.

• **Clerk:** Shearer commented about being recorded at the meetings.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports: none

Public Comment- Concerning Old Business

1. Brain Cousineau, a Montcalm Township resident asked about pool filings.
2. A resident commented about the shed door being open at West Montcalm cemetery.

Public Meeting Comments:

1. Pam Hemmes, a Montcalm Township resident, read an email from Richelle Lentz to the Board members
2. Pam Hemmes, a Montcalm Township resident, commented that she agrees with Richelle's email that states that it's time to move on the ordinance and the Planning Commission needs to have more meetings. Pam commented that the flickering from the turbines make people sick. Pam commented that this might be the most important ordinance the township has done.
3. Carol from Douglas Township thanked the board for the moratorium. She also commented that the setbacks are very important.
4. Tim Rau, a property owner of Montcalm Township, says 6 months isn't enough time for the planning commission to come up with a good ordinance. Tim thanked Brain Cousineau for the

moratorium Tim commented that being a former trustee it is very important to listen to the people. Tim commented that the moratorium can be extended with a board vote.

5. Karon Baird, a Montcalm Township resident, commented that the moratorium says Charter instead of Township.
6. Jeana, a Montcalm Township resident commented that she doesn't want to see them in our community.
7. Steve, a Montcalm Township resident, commented that the ordinance needs to have very good setbacks.
8. Rodney Nutt, a Montcalm Township resident commented that he doesn't want to hear wind turbines. Rodney commented that wind turbines are not efficient. Rodney commented that Apex lies about everything, He also commented that Apex will not always be here.
9. Albert, an apex representative, commented that they are still working in the county. Albert commented that Montcalm Wind will be hosting an open house at Montcalm fairground on July 13 from 6pm-8pm. He commented that everyone should come and talk about the facts.
10. Jason, a Montcalm Township resident commented that no one wants them here and they take out more birds.
11. Carol, a Montcalm Township resident commented that the people of the township don't want them here.
12. Jeana, from Douglas Township, commented that the set back should be from houses not property lines.
13. Kent commented that he is against wind turbines and he is in favor of the moratorium. Kent commented that everyone should do their own homework without the help of a big company. Kent commented that the township needs to come up with a ordinance with a safe ordinance for everyone.
14. Mark, a Montcalm Township resident, thanked the board.

A **motion** was made by Hansen to close the public meeting Hyde Second. **Motion** Carried.

Old Business

- **Natural River Zoning Requirements**

Crowley gave an update that the township had submitted the ordinance to the state to make sure everything is correct.

- **Temporary Moratorium**

Hyde made a **motion** that the Township approve the 6 months Temporary Moratorium Ordinance. Hansen Second

Roll Call Vote

Crowley- Yes

Hyde- Yes

Shearer- Yes

Hansen-Yes

Cousineau- Yes

Motion Carried

Public Comment-Concerning New Business

1. Olivia, a Montcalm Township resident commented that Apex says 75 wind turbines but others can come in and put more in.
2. Tim Rau, a Montcalm Township property owner, asked about conflict of interest with the planning commission chairman Tim commented that each board member should get a copy of the email from the lawyer.
3. Steve, a Montcalm Township resident ,commented that the Planning Commission shouldn't feel pressured from Apex. Steve commented that Apex people don't live here.
4. Pam Hemmes, a Montcalm Township resident, commented that Bob Hemmes found the training from MTA very useful.
5. Karon Baird, a Montcalm Township resident, commented that the legal advice from MTA is great.
6. Del, a Montcalm Township resident, commented that the money spent on MTA is well spent.
7. Tim Rau, a Montcalm Township property owner, commented that of the 1300 townships in

Michigan less than 10 are not members of the MTA. Tim Rau commented they treat people with respect and Thanked the board members and said it's a hard job.

New Business

- **Special Land Use Request @ 904 Oak Drive By Meadows by the Lake, Inc to allow a 20 bed Adult Foster Care Facility.**

A **Motion** was made by Hansen to accept the special land use request for 904 oak dr by meadows by the land to allow a 20 bed adult foster care facility Shearer Second. **Motion Carried.**

- **PA 116 Request from Paul E. Main Trust Located at 3795 Fitzner Road.**

A **Motion** was made by Hansen that we accept the PA 116 request from Paul E. Main located at 3795 Fitzner Rd. Hyde Second. Motion Carried.

- **Workers Compensation Fund renewal in the amount of \$1,996**

A **Motion** was made by Hyde that pay the renewal fee of \$1,996 to Workers Compensation Fund. Hansen Second. **Motion Carried.**

- **MML liability and Property Pool Renewal in the amount of \$12,993. Plus \$200 membership fee**

A **Motion** was made by Hyde that we pay \$14,993 to MML Liability and Property Pool Renewal. Hansen Second **Motion Carried.**

- **Michigan Township Association Membership.**

Cousneau made a **motion** that we pay 2,075.26 to join the MTA and \$1,000 to add the Plus package. Hansen Second **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm

Submitted By Jessica Shearer Montcalm Township Clerk