

Montcalm Township Board Meeting Minutes
1880 S. Greenville Rd Greenville MI 48838
December 8, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Crowley Supervisor, Jessica Shearer Clerk, Rosemary Hyde Treasurer, Edward Hansen Trustee and 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, Cousineau Second **Motion Carried.**

- **Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2012**

A **motion** was made by Hansen to approve the minutes with the changes, Cousineau Second **Motion Carried.**

- **Treasurer's Report:** The report was distributed to the audience and Board Members.

A **Motion** was made by Hansen to approve the Treasurer's report, Shearer Second. Cousineau opposed **Motion carried.**

- **Payment of Bills:**

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

- **Supervisor's Comments:** Crowley thanked everyone for coming.

Reports:

- **Planning Commission:** Jessica Shearer read the Planning Commission report which stated that the Planning Commission will be holding meetings on the 4th Tuesday at 7pm of each month. The meetings will be cancelled if there is nothing to discuss. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to keep the same officers for 2022. The Planning Commission discussed changes to the draft wind ordinance.

- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Chairman John Johansen informed the board that the ZBA will be holding a meeting on December 15, 2021 at 5pm

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

- **Cemeteries:** None

- **Zoning Administrator:** Zoning Administrator, Mike Nelson informed the board that he issued 1 permit for the month of November.

- **County Commissioner:** Adam Petersen gave a report on what was happening at the county level.
- **Fire Department:** Crowley read the fire report.

A **Motion** was made by Hyde to approve the hire of Alex Tanis as a Montcalm Township Fireman Second Shearer

Roll Call Vote:

Crowley- Yes

Shearer-Yes

Hyde- Yes

Cousineau- Yes

Hansen- Recused himself from voting due to the fact the he is on the fire department.

- **Trustees:** None
- **Clerk:** None.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

1. A resident asked about the Treasurer's report.
2. A resident asked about a deposit.

Public Comment- Concerning Old Business:

1. A resident asked about her cemetery lot and asked if we could ask the lawyer what she should do about it.
2. A resident asked about old minutes.
3. A resident commented that the junk car ordinance should have more process on it then it does.
4. A resident commented that every issue that the township has should be addressed in the same way.
5. A resident commented that after a motion is made there should be a discussion.

Old Business:

- **The result of the audit**

Crowley read an email from Sarah Kanitz (The Township Auditor) .

- **New Accounting software- QuickBooks Pro Plus 2022**

A motion was made by Hansen to purchase Quickbooks Pro Plus 2022 for \$2,000 Second Hyde

Roll Call Vote:

Crowley- Yes

Shearer- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Cousineau- Yes

Motion Carried.

- **Township Planner**

A motion was made by Hyde to hire Mark as the Township Planner Second Hasen Motion Carried Cousineau opposed,wants more information.

- **Special Meeting request By Brian**

A **Motion** was made by Cousineau to hold a public meeting to recuse Richard Karnatz from Chairman of the Planning Commission.

No Second Motion Denied.

- **Mi Safe Donation**

Cousineau asked the board if we could make a \$1,500 donation to MI Safe. Crowley said let's take a look into it and we will discuss next month.

- **Township Phone System**

A **motion** was made by Hansen to accept a bid from Nextiva for a new phone system Second Hyde

Roll Call Vote:

Crowley- Yes

Shearer- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Cousineau- Yes

Motion Carried.

Public Comments New Business:

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- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Notice of Approval in the amount of \$356,710.00**

Crowley informed everyone that the Township has received the approval in the amount of \$356,710 and that the township will be opening a separate bank account to deposit the money in.

Public Comments:

1. A resident asked if David Ellis was the Supervisor Deputy.
2. A resident asked questions about the audit.
3. A resident asked about a FOIA request they submitted.
4. A resident asked if the township was putting a budget on the Planner.
5. A resident commented that Cousineau should be recalled for driving his EMT truck to fires.
6. A resident commented that they agree with Cousineau's request to hold a public meeting. This resident thinks the township should send out a survey about wind to the township resident. This resident also commented that Richard Karnatz shouldn't be able to give the Planning Commission's report on wind anymore.
7. A resident asked who requested a planner for the township and maybe we should reach out to the MTA and see if they have more planners.
8. A resident thanked Hansen for not voting to hire the new fireman.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Hyde Second Hansen. **Motion Carried.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm
Submitted By Jessica Shearer, Montcalm Township Clerk.