

Montcalm Township Board Meeting Minutes
1880 S. Greenville Rd Greenville MI 48838
February 9, 2022

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 with the changes, Cousineau second **Motion Carried.**

- **Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2022**

Cosuineau asked if someone votes no. Can we put the reason why they voted no in the minutes. Cosuineau asked to have his reason for voting no on the treasurer report in the minutes as not agreeing with the audit and continuing waiting on action.

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 Shearer to approve the Treasurer's report, Hansen Second. Cousineau opposed Cousineau's reason for voting no is not agreeing with the audit and continuing to waiting on action **Motion carried.**

- **Payment of Bills:**

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

- **Supervisor's Comments:**

Reports:

- **Planning Commission:** Robert Hemmes gave the report from the last Planning Commission meeting.

- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** John asked the board to approve training for the ZBA members.

- **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 permits for new homes and land splits the month of January.

- **County Commissioner:** None

- **Fire Department:** Chief Dickinson read the fire report.

- **Trustees:** Cousineau thanked everyone for showing up.

- **Clerk:** None.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

1. A resident commented about the audit.
2. A resident asked why we haven't responded to the state about the audit

Public Comment- Concerning Old Business:

1. A resident asked why we should spend more money on a planner.
2. A resident commented that we should go with a different planner.
3. A resident asked about the qualification for the planning commission position.
4. A resident commented about what was happening with the noise ordinance.
5. A Sidney resident commented about how they did not understand why we think we need a planner.
6. A resident asked about putting the qualification on the website for the planning commission position.

Old Business:

- **New Accounting Software- Quickbook Desktop Pro Plus 2022 Update**

Crowley informed everyone that the software will be installed on Feb 14.

- **Township Planner**

A **Motion** was made by Shearer to approve up to \$1800 to the Planner (Mark Eldelson from Landplan) \$1300 towards the Master Plan and \$500 towards reviewing the wind ordinance. Second Hansen.

Roll Call Vote

Crowley-Yes

Shearer-Yes

Hyde- Yes

Cousineau-Yes

Hansen-Yes

Motion Carried.

- **Cost for Training for PC Comm. & Zoning Board approval needed**

A **motion** was made by Hyde to approve \$1555 to go towards training, Second Hansen **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments New Business:

New Business:

- **Presentation by Kristen Millard to splitting township into separate voting precincts**

Kristen Millard gave a presentation on splitting the township into 2 different precincts.

A **Motion** was made by Hyde to split our township into 2 precincts. Second Cousineau.

Roll Call Vote

Crowley-Yes

Shearer-Yes

Hyde- Yes

Cousineau-Yes

Hansen-Yes

Motion Carried.

- **Charter Township Status**

Crowley informed the board that we as a township have the option to change our status to a charter township.

- **Cost for Computer upgrades**

Cost for computer upgrades tabled, until we find out what we need to update.

- **Set Meeting Date For Special Meeting on 2022-2023 Budget on March 24, 2022**

A **motion** was made by Hansen to set a meeting date for a special meeting on the 2022-2023 budget for March 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Second Hyde.

Roll Call Vote

Crowley-Yes

Shearer-Yes

Hyde- Yes
Cousineau-Yes
Hansen-Yes
Motion Carried.

- **Request a letter of interest and qualifications for the position of planning commission members from any interested Township resident**

Crowley informed everyone that Erin Nerychel from the Planning Commission has submitted her letter of resignation and that the Township board is looking for residents to submit their letters of interest in the position. A **Motion** was made by Shearer to accept letters of interest by February 23, 2022. Second Hyde **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments

1. A resident asked about the motion for splitting the township into 2 precincts
2. A resident asked about Brian Cousineau attending the Anti-Wind conference.
3. A resident talked about their opinion of Brian Cousnieau speaking at the Wind conference.
4. A Sidney Township resident asked if the members of the Planning Commission have to be a resident of Montcalm Township.
5. A resident asked about hall rental.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Hyde Shearer Second. **Motion Carried.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 pm
Submitted By Jessica Shearer, Montcalm Township Clerk.