

Montcalm Township Board Meeting Minutes
1880 S. Greenville Rd Greenville MI 48838
March 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

Crowley added to the agenda under New business :

- **Township Clean up Date**
- **Montcalm Economic Alliance**

Crowley added to the agenda under Old Business:

- **Training Cost Update**

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 February 9, 2022**

A **motion** was made by Hansen to approve the minutes from February 9, 2022, Hyde Second **Motion Carried.**

- **Treasurer's Report:** The report was distributed to the audience and Board Members. Hyde informed everyone that she has turned everything into the county and the township is balanced. Cousineau asked if we have an actual to budget statement for all of us board members to review. Crowley informed Cousineau it was not available at this time that we were still working on it. Cousineau asked why we sent a letter to the state on Feb 14 stating that we would start providing the board member with this statement.

A **Motion** was made by Hansen to approve the Treasurer's report, Shearer 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 Hyde to approve the Payment of Bills, Hansen Second. Cousineau opposed. Cousineau's reason for voting no is not agreeing to spend money until we figure out everything with the audit Cousineau is going to vote no on everything that has to do with spending money. **Motion carried.**

- **Supervisor's Comments:**

Crowley asked Cousineau if you are so concerned about everything about the bills why is it that I never seen you in the office asking questions. Your job as a trustee is fiduciary. Cousineau responded that I don't know the hours of available. I have emailed you with my concerns and I don't get a response. Cousineau commented that Crowley should invite us to come here and walk us trustees through that process and should provide the training we need to be trustees.

Reports:

- **Planning Commission:** Nothing to report
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Nothing to report

- **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 5 permits for the month of February.
- **County Commissioner:** Adam Petersen gave his report.
- **Fire Department:** Chief Dickinson read the fire report. Chief Dickinson asked the board to consider paying the Cadets on the fire department.
- **Trustees:** Hansen commented that We are members of the MTA and you can get training at any time. We don't have to go to Doug to get the train.
- **Clerk:** None.

Public Comment – Concerning Reports:

1. A resident commented that budget reports should be done monthly.
2. A resident commented that they have concerns how John conducts ZBA meetings

Public Comment- Concerning Old Business:

Old Business:

- **Splitting Township into separate voting precincts**

Crowley informed everyone that we met with the county clerk on Monday evening and we came up with a voting Precinct in the township hall and one at the fire station.

A **Motion** was made by Shearer to contract Evergreen township and ask them for their Tabulator and Voter assist terminal Hyde Second **Motion Carried.**

- While discussing splitting township into separate voting precincts a lot of residents express their feelings on how they don't think having it at the fire station would be a good idea. A Lot of the residents expressed how the 4-H fair ground would be a better location.
- **Letters of interest for the position of Planning Commission member**

A **Motion** was made by Hansen to accept David Jacobsen letter of intent for Montcalm Township Planning Commission seat. Hyde Second.

Roll Call Vote

Crowley- Yes

Hyde- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Shearer- Yes

Cousineau- No - Late to apply.

Motion Carried.

- **Training Cost Update**

A **Motion** was made by Hansen to pay the extra \$100 it cost for training Shearer Second. Cousineau opposed **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments Concerning New Business:

New Business:

- **Road Commission recommendations/contracts**

A **motion** was made by Hyde to accept the Road Commission contract for deck replacement on Dickerson Lake road bridge over the flat river for \$49,108 and 3 applications of chloride on local roads in Montcalm Township for \$20,556.11. Shearer Second

Roll Call Vote

Crowley- Yes

Hyde- Yes

Hansen- Yes
Shearer- Yes
Cousineau- No
Motion Carried.

- **Township Clean-Up Date**

A **Motion** was made by Hansen to set the township clean-up date for May 7 from 8am-12pm for the cost of \$5,139.57 Hyde Second Cousineau opposed. **Motion Carried.**

- **Montcalm Economic Alliance**

A **motion** was made by Hansen to donate \$1,000 to the Montcalm Economic Alliance. Hyde Second. Cousineau Opposed Cousineau. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments

1. A resident commented about the Planning Commission meetings and maybe the board should look into having 7 people on the board.
2. A resident asked if the road contracts are going to change with the cost of fuel going up.
3. A resident asked if Montcalm County could help with the cost of the roads
4. A resident commented that they think that using the fire station as a second precinct.
5. A resident commented about how they have been dealing with a noise complaint for 281 days now.
6. A resident commented about the classes the Planning Commission attended.
7. A Winfield Township resident commented that if we set rules we need to follow them.
8. A Douglas Township resident commented they think it would be a great idea to add 2 more people on the Planning Commission.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Hansen. Hyde Second. **Motion Carried.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:27pm.

Submitted By Jessica Shearer, Montcalm Township Clerk.