

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, July 9, 2020**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by Supervisor Nutt. Nutt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Dan Nutt, Clerk Rose Spoelman, Treasurer Maureen Hogan, Trustee Anita Knapp and Trustee Brandon Wilburn (5)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Foster, County Commissioner and wife Peggy, Sabra Guy, Administrative Assistant, Leon Wolverton, Fire Chief, Don Pant, Assistant Fire Chief, Tim DeMumbrum, Democratic candidate for Drain Commissioner, Mike Pierson, Ravenna Independent and (3) residents.

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Nutt to accept the agenda, Knapp seconded the motion and the agenda passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2020 BOARD MINUTES**

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of June 18, 2020 as presented. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: yes: (5)

**SUBJECT: TREASURERS REPORT**

- 1) Motion by Nutt to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Fire Fund for the month of June as presented. Spoelman seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 2) There were no Fire Fund Bills for this month that needed Board approval.
- 3) Motion by Nutt to accept the Treasurer's Report for the General Fund as presented. Knapp seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 4) There were no General Fund Bills for this month that needed Board approval.

**SUBJECT: FIRE CHIEFS REPORT**

- 1) Fire Chief Wolverton gave the report for June 2020 and is as follows: 24 total calls
- 2) Fireman Jeremy MacDonald turned in letter of resignation, due to moving from the area.
- 3) Moorland FD is down to 8 firefighters, and is looking for more volunteers to join.

**SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT**

- 1) Nutt gave the report for June 2020. (3) Building permits; (8) Electrical permits; (0) Mechanical permits; (0) Plumbing Permits. Total for Township: \$1122.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$112.20

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 1) Planning Commission Monthly meeting change
- 2) Next Planning Commission meeting August 6, 2020.
- 3) A special use application was turned in by Ravenna Public Schools, will be on the August agenda.

**SUBJECT: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

- 1) Nutt gave updates regarding zoning violations.

**SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) The Board discussed Laketon Avenue. Supervisor stated that MCRC was filling in the potholes. In addition, the Board discussed ditching for the township. The MCRC has part of White Road on their schedule for ditching, but no date as of yet.

**SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS**

1) Nutt discussed the Day of Review for the Black Creek Consolidated drain, will take place at the Muskegon County Fairgrounds on July 29 from 9 am until 5 pm, and via Zoom. For questions, the residents can contact the township or the Drain Commissioner's Office.

2) There are several street signs in Moorland Township that need replacing; Nutt has reached out to the Road Commission for information to get them replaced, however, they do not offer that service. He notes that he also reached out to the Village of Ravenna to see if they would be willing to assist our township in getting the signs replaced, since they have the equipment. The Board to discuss and vote at a future meeting.

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) County Commissioner Foster thanked the Board for helping out in the recent food distribution; also notes that the county wide ORV ordinance has not been forgotten, still planning to use MTA as the vehicle in preparing one, but things have slowed down due to the pandemic. Also introduced Tim DeMumbrum, democratic candidate for Drain Commissioner.
- 2) Peggy Foster noted that she has nothing to report regarding the Senior Millage this meeting, but there is a zoom meeting planned for July 21, 2020.
- 3) Tim DeMumbrum spoke briefly about his running for the office of the Drain Commissioner. If elected, he would review all currently scheduled projects/plans, try to keep the majority of the contracts in Muskegon County, instead of bringing in companies/workers from other parts of the state, and avoid any unnecessary costs to the residents and focus more on keeping the drains cleaned out rather than placing rippling pads etc.

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 1) Spoelman talked about the August Primary Election; registered voters can request an absentee ballot, but please remember that it is a straight party ticket. Directions are included with the ballot, and will be provided when the polls are opened August 4. Voters can't split their ballot in August. Voter needs to vote Republican or Democrat candidates not for both parties.

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nutt to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Knapp seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Spoelman  
Moorland Township Clerk