

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, September 10, 2020**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, September 10, 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:** Sabra Guy, Administrative Assistant, Leon Wolverton, Fire Chief, Don Pant, Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Pierson, Ravenna Independent/Ravenna School Board Member, Brian Hosticka, Candidate for 91<sup>st</sup> House of Representatives and (5) 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 AUGUST BOARD MINUTES**

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

**SUBJECT: TREASURERS REPORT**

- 1) Motion by Spoelman to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Fire Fund for the month of July as presented. Wilburn 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; however the clerk requested clarification regarding some brining invoices.

**SUBJECT: FIRE CHIEFS REPORT**

- 1) Fire Chief Wolverton gave the report for August 2020: 10 total calls
- 2) The need for new pagers was discussed, and 2 quotes were prepared for the board to review. Spoelman made the motion to accept the quote from Tele-rad for new pagers and chargers at the cost of 2476.50, seconded by Nutt, and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 3) Updated the board regarding the new hire.
- 4) Bonuses are still available for new hires; half upon signing up, the other half after 1 year of service. The board will discuss the sign up bonuses that we have intact.

**SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT**

- 1) Nutt gave the report for August 2020. (9) Building permits; (1) Electrical permits; (3) Mechanical permits; (0) Plumbing Permits. Total for Township: \$397.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$389.60.

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 1) Wilburn discussed the PC meeting that took place on September 3, 2020.
- 2) Next Planning Commission meeting October 1, 2020.

**SUBJECT: BRIAN HOSTICKA CANDIDATE FOR 91<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT**

- 1) Brian Hosticka discussed his candidacy for the 91<sup>st</sup> District House of Representatives and answered questions from residents. [www.BrianHosticka.com](http://www.BrianHosticka.com).

**SUBJECT: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

- 1) Nutt gave updates regarding zoning violations, and mentioned that the 4-plex on the corner of Apple Avenue and Bossett Road was demolished, the owner is moving forward with building; squatters on Bailey Road and White Road have left.

**SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Wilburn made the motion to table the discussion of street signs and going through the village of Ravenna for missing sign replacement in Moorland Township, until further research can be done, seconded by Nutt and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS**

1) Clerk Spoelman discussed cemetery issues; made it clear that only the Moorland Township Cemetery Sexton is allowed to place footings and headstones in the township cemetery. Spoelman also noted that she may look into the fees that the cemetery sexton charges, to see if it is comparable.

2) Nutt made the motion to approve the zoning of the Ravenna Public schools to rezone the property of Ravenna Public Schools in Section 10 only, back to A-2, seconded by Knapp and passed by roll call vote: Ayes: Hogan, Knapp, Spoelman, Nutt (4) Nays: Wilburn (1)

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) Resident asked what the square footage minimum was for housing in Moorland Township, supervisor responded with 960 feet minimum.
- 2) Property Owner Bill Stein read a statement and asked for it to be entered into the minutes of the meeting:

“The date is September 10, 2020. My name is William Stein. My property in question is 2591 S Slocum Rd Ravenna MI 49451 61-12-035-400-0005-00

My concern is the use of my property and the adjoining property. 2575 S Slocum Rd 61-12-035-400-0004-00

The issue is the road frontage for both properties

Are these two parcels conforming in the township records.

What are the two parcels zoned at. What are there uses?"

Thank you  
William Stein

Property owner asked the Supervisor if it was a conflict of interest for him to be the realtor, supervisor, and zoning administrator. Supervisor state that a board member stated that on a social media account. Clerk Spoelman stated it was her that thought it was a conflict of interest for him to be a realtor selling houses in Moorland and being the supervisor. Supervisor emailed the township lawyer and asked if it was a conflict of interest and township lawyer emailed back that it was not a conflict of interest. Property owner wants answer if being zoning administrator, supervisor and the realtor that sold said property would be a conflict of interest? Clerk Spoelman said she would contact MTA first because township attorney is costly and MTA is free. Property owner stated how the current owners of said property got their building permit so fast when he had to jump through hoops to get his building permit and paid \$1,000.00 for prints. The property owner also questioned as to why the building they are adding to, needed to be so big? Is wondering if it's because they are bringing their business, Dark Side Concepts, to the new place? Nutt stated that both him and the clerk signed off on it, clerk stated she didn't sign off, and had asked Nutt about not having enough road frontage, setbacks, roof coverage and if it was a nonconforming lot. Property owner asked that a stop order be placed on said building permit until this issue of nonconforming is taken care of.

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 1) Nutt commented on a previous resident complaint regarding having to pay for building permits for an Ag Building. Building/site plans were shown as to why the permits were necessary. Resident stated some Ag building have water heat, bathroom. Wilburn asked why if it was an Ag. Building was the building department even involved. Nutt stated, you are not supervisor yet Brandon.
- 2) The Clerk discussed the upcoming election.

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nutt to adjourn at 8:18 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