

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:59 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 Brandon Wilburn, Trustee Anita Knapp (5)

**Others in Attendance:** Mike Dekker, Fire Chief; Sabra Guy, administrative assistant; Seven (7) residents, and District 7 Commissioner Gary Foster and wife Peggy Foster, Mike Pierson Ravenna Independent, and Cliff Williams Tradewinds representative.

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Nutt to amend the agenda of today, adding the administrative-assistant wage increase. Spoelman seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF December 8, 2016 BOARD MINUTES**

Motion by Spoelman to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2016 as presented. Nutt seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: TREASURERS REPORT**

- 1) Motion by Spoelman to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Fire Fund as presented. Knapp 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 Hogan to accept the Treasurer's Report for the General Fund as presented. Nutt 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**

Fire Chief will give the annual report as well as December's run report at February's board meeting.

**SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT**

Nutt gave report. (1) Building permits: (2) Electrical permits: Total for Township \$342.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$34.20. Nutt also gave the yearly report from Michigan Township Services.

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Nutt reported the Planning Commission's next meeting is January 16, 2017.

**SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS**

None stated.

**SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Motion made by Spoelman to beginning today the township will be collecting a refundable \$50.00 deposit for hall use, for gatherings such as baby showers, memorials, family gatherings etc., with no alcohol use, deposit being returned to resident upon cleaning of the hall after use, seconded by Hogan and passed by roll call vote. Ayes: Knapp, Spoelman, Wilburn, Hogan, and Nutt (5)
- 2) Resident asked Nutt to read Solar Ordinance, draft 3, in its entirety, clarifying that this ordinance covers permitted use of rezoning of the industrial/natural resource district, not personal property. Nutt made a motion to accept Solar Ordinance as recommended by the planning commission, seconded by Wilburn. Discussion was held with explanation of permitted use and special land use. A motion was made by Spoelman to accept the Solar Ordinance, Draft # 3, with the amendment of permitted-use being taken out and placing special land-use in the 2 districts which are natural resource and industrial, with all other language staying the same, motion seconded by Knapp, passed by roll call vote. Ayes: Hogan, Knapp, Spoelman. (3) Nays: Wilburn, Nutt (2). Spoelman made a motion to accept the amended Solar Ordinance as stated above, and passed with roll call vote. Ayes: Knapp, Spoelman, Hogan (3) Nays: Wilburn, Nutt (2)
- 3) Motion made by Nutt for the zoning application for agricultural use for prime Agricultural and Agricultural residential to go through the Zoning Administer which is Michigan Township Services. Agricultural use will have to be verified by Michigan Township Services, a charge of \$50.00 will be charged for prime agricultural use to have location of the building verified to meet setbacks. seconded by Spoelman and passed by roll call vote: Ayes: Wilburn, Hogan, Knapp, Spoelman, Nutt (5)
- 4) Motion made by Spoelman to give Administrative Assistant the 90-day pay increase of \$1/hour, seconded by Nutt. Motion passed by the following votes: Ayes (5)

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT**

A resident thanked the township for keeping the authority at their level. Tradewinds Representative also thanked the board, and will be submitting a special use application after Ordinance goes into effect.

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nutt to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Spoelman seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes (5)

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Spoelman  
Moorland Township Clerk