

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, February 9, 2017 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 Brandon Wilburn and Trustee Anita Knapp (5)

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** None

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Dekker, Fire Chief; Sabra Guy, administrative assistant; (7) residents, and District 7 County Commissioner Gary Foster and wife Peggy Foster, Katie Ames, Librarian, Ravenna Branch, Muskegon Area District Library

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Nutt to approve the agenda of today. Spoelman seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2017 BOARD MINUTES**

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, 2017 as presented. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: TREASURERS REPORT**

- 1) Motion by Nutt 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 Nutt to accept the Treasurer's Report for the General Fund as presented. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 4) Motion made by Hogan to use contingency fund to cover attorney's fees, seconded by Spoelman and passed by the following votes: Ayes (5).

**SUBJECT: FIRE CHIEFS REPORT**

- 1) Runs from December 2016: 15 total runs, 9 Medical, 3 Structural, 1 Gas leak, 1 downed-wire
- 2) Runs for January 2017: 8 total runs, 5 Medical, 3 Structural
- 3) Fire Chief reviewed data from 2016 including reports of number of incidences (141), incident types, attendance, participation and training attendance.
- 4) Discussion was held regarding old air packs and using them for training purposes. Motion made by Nutt to allow Fire Department Staff to keep old air packs for training use only as long as the packs are clearly marked/unusable and will not be mistaken and used during an actual response, seconded by Spoelman. Chief Dekker assured board that

the packs will be clearly marked and disabled. Motion passed by the following vote:  
Ayes(5)

**SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT**

- 1) Nutt gave report. (1) Building permit: (1) Electrical permits (1) Plumbing Permit. Total for Township: \$185.90, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$18.59.
- 2) Discussed getting mechanical inspection abilities back at township. Request at LARA.

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 1) Nutt reported the Planning Commission's next meeting is March 20, 2017.
- 2) Discussion was held regarding resident's request to place 40' TV antenna on residential-agriculture property. Nutt to do a site visit at 11069 Bailey Road to evaluate.

**SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS**

None stated.

**SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Board discussed brining for the upcoming year; quote received from Michigan Chloride Sales. Awaiting quote from MCRC.

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) Gary Foster noted that Tradewinds is pleased with the Moorland Township Board; also requesting any documentation/statistics from Fire Department for any runs to the Wastewater in the past 2 years.
- 2) Resident commented that increased 2017 license/registration fees at Secretary of State's Office are for the needed road repairs in Michigan; MCRC will also go in 50% with townships to repair any roads.
- 3) Katie Ames, new Ravenna Librarian, wanted to address the board and let the residents know that if there is anything that the library can do for the township, the staff and Ravenna Branch is here for the community.

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Spoelman commented that new voting equipment will be purchased at no cost to the township, with the exception of extras, such as plastic totes for holding ballots. Additionally, Spoelman has looked into the cost of assessing for the township in comparison to other townships and feels that our costs are much higher in ratio. Board to look into this matter further, prior to upcoming contract renewal in June 2017.

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nutt to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes (5)

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Spoelman

Moorland Township Clerk