

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, May 11, 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: Sabra Guy, administrative assistant; Fire Chief Mike Dekker (4) residents, and District 7 County Commissioner Gary Foster and wife Peggy, Mike Pierson, Ravenna Independent, Katie Ames, Muskegon Area District Library

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2017 BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2017 as presented. Knapp 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. Nutt 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) There were no General Fund Bills for this month that needed Board approval.

SUBJECT: FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- 1) Runs from April 2017: 7 total runs, 4 Medical, 1 Casnovia Assist-brush fire, 1 Commercial Fire Alarm, 1 Personal Injury
- 2) Motion was made by Nutt to begin using a fuel card for unleaded fuel purchase, rather than having on-site unleaded gasoline tank, for cost-saving purposes and after fuel on hand is used seconded by Wilburn: Ayes: (5)
- 3) Motion made by Spoelman recommending candidates Sarah Morey and Jeremy MacDonald to be hired, pending pre-employment physical, seconded by Hogan: Ayes: (5)

SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT

- 1) Nutt gave report. (3) Building permit: (0) Electrical permits (1) Plumbing Permit. Total for Township: \$634.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$63.40.

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- 1) Nutt reported the Planning Commission's next meeting is May 15, 2017.

SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mechanical permit update, Supervisor and Zoning Administrator to meet with the State in July 2017.

SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Supervisor Nutt gave report regarding his meeting with the Drain Commissioner Brenda Moore on April 24, 2017; Nutt and County Commissioner Foster met with Moore and discussed upcoming plans regarding the drains and possible assessments for Moorland residents; a letter has since been sent to residents with information. Also mentioned is that the Drain Commissioner will look into certain businesses in Egelston Township. We are still waiting for her to continue to check into possible grants to lessen the burden on taxpayers.
- 2) Spoelman discussed that the assessing contract will be due next month, have not heard anything yet.
- 3) Spoelman gave a reminder that the scrap tire event will be held June 24, 2017 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Egelston Township.
- 4) Nutt discussed Muskegon Area District Library's revised contract which now excludes Fruitport Township/Village.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Commissioner Foster stated that the ARGO was approved; the fire department will have a search and rescue vehicle to use.
- 2) Katie Ames, Ravenna Branch, MADL representative came to update the community about the completion of the strategic planning covering the next 3-5 years; also a technology assessment will be completed to see if any updates are needed. During the Dog Days event this year, the Ravenna Branch Library will be having a large book sale and a non-profit organization called Modern-Witman Financial opened a chapter in Ravenna, and will do a donation match during the book sale. Thor organization encourages early reading/love of reading/lifelong learning in the community.

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Nutt reported that brining to take place Friday, May 12, 2017. Nutt also reported that the fire department will clean out the outbuilding and the township will hold an auction of the equipment no longer needed; an announcement will be made with further details. Nutt met with Muskegon County Road Commission rep Hulka and discussed Laketon and Hall roads, ditching and 5 replacements culverts will be completed to help in keeping the

water off of the roads. Residents will be responsible for the culverts and residents and MCRC will split the cost of the ditching 50/50.

- 2) Spoelman notes that a resolution will have to be made for the fixing of the outbuilding; also, on Tuesday May 16, 2017 the township will sign for the new voting equipment, to be delivered on May 22-23, 2017. Lastly, the clerk and deputy clerk will be out on Thursday 18 May 2017 for election-related training in Lansing.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nutt to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Knapp seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes (5)

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Spoelman
Moorland Township Clerk