

**PROPOSED MINUTES
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, June 8, 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, and Trustee Brandon Wilburn (3)

ABSENT MEMBERS: Treasurer Maureen Hogan (excused), Trustee Anita Knapp

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sabra Guy, administrative assistant; Fire Chief Mike Dekker (5) residents, and District 7 County Commissioner Gary Foster, Dave Johnson, Director of Wastewater, Travis Narum, Raj Poosarla and Rich Vanderveen, all Representatives of Tradewind Energy

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Nutt to approve the agenda of today. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (3)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MAY 11, 2017 BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2017 as amended. Spoelman seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (3)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2017 SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Nutt to approve the special meeting minutes of May 22, 2017 as presented. Spoelman seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (3)

SUBJECT: TREASURERS REPORT

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

SUBJECT: FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- 1) Runs from May 2017: 16 total runs, 7 Medical, 2 Fire, 3 Brush Fires, 2 Personal Injury, 1 downed-wire, 1 gas leak.
- 2) Chief Dekker also reported that he did an inspection of the fire lanes at the Ely residence located at 11853 Bailey Road, and that they meet the criteria for the proposed event to be held on June 16/17, 2017.

- 3) Chief Dekker thanked supervisor Nutt for helping out in the clean-up of the fire department and shed.

SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT

- 1) Nutt gave report. (3) Building permit: (2) Electrical permits (0) Plumbing Permit. Total for Township: \$1147.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$114.70.

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- 1) Supervisor Nutt reported the Planning Commission's next meeting is July 17, 2017.
- 2) Trustee Wilburn reported that since the last Board of Trustees meeting in May, there have been 2 planning commission meetings: May 15, 2017 and June 7, 2017. During May's meeting a special land-use application was brought before the commission for an event to be held at 11853 Bailey Road, submitted by Matt and Rachel Ely; at the June 7, 2017 meeting, there was a public hearing for a special land-use application given by Tradewind Energy regarding a proposed solar farm.

SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Nutt reported that the Property Assessment Agreement was received and that it was a 1 year term for \$14,944.00, raised by 6%. Motion was made by Nutt to accept contract, seconded by Wilburn: Ayes: (3)

SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Discussion was held regarding Solar Farm special land-use application, submitted by Tradewind Energy that was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Motion made by Nutt to approve application, contingent upon all fees associated with the project being paid, seconded by Wilburn with roll call vote: Ayes: Wilburn, Spoelman, and Nutt. (3)

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) A resident asked if the township has heard of any residents getting letters from other solar companies, to which the board stated that they haven't heard from anyone about it as of this time.
- 2) Tradewinds Representative Travis Narum explained the process going forward for the solar farm.

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Clerk Spoelman discussed notices received by the Drain Commissioner regarding the Norris and Eastland Drains; a phone call was placed by Spoelman to the office but the drain commissioner still has not returned the call as of yet.
- 2) Supervisor Nutt discussed the recent repair to the parking lot; a sinkhole was noticed by the fire chief and called in to the supervisor, who in turn called the road commission. Nutt notes that Muskegon County Road Commission was at the township within the hour to fix the sinkhole, which turned out to be much worse than originally thought. The work was completed and then the following week, Muskegon Asphalt came out to repave the area. The board was pleased with the timeliness and quick response of MCRC and Muskegon Asphalt.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nutt to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes (3)

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Spoelman
Moorland Township Clerk