

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, April 12, 2018 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: Gary Foster, County Commissioner and wife Peggy, Sabra Guy, Administrative Assistant, Greg VanWoerkam candidate for State Representative and (3) residents.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Nutt to accept the agenda as presented. Knapp seconded the motion and the agenda passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2018 BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2018 as written. Spoelman seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2018 BUDGET MINUTES

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2018 Budget Hearing as written. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APRIL 2, 2018 SPECIAL MTG MINUTES

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of April 2, 2018 Special Meeting as written. Wilburn 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 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) The administrative assistant gave the March 2018 report; 12 total calls, 7 medicals, 2 structure fires, 3 grass fires (1 assist to Ravenna, 1 assist to Egelston)
- 2) 4 members of the Volunteer FD are in need of turn-out gear, the Chief will work on getting bids for these. Spoelman asked if all previous members had turned in the gear that they had been issued, more to come in regard to this.

SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT

- 1) Nutt gave March 2018 report; (3) Building permits: (1) Electrical permit (0) Mechanical permits, (0) Plumbing permits. Total for Township: \$2365.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$236.50.

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- 1) Wilburn reported that two items were on the agenda at the last PC meeting; the items discussed included a resident wanting to build hoop-house and high tunnel on his property as well as large event requirements for the township. In regard to the hoop-house and high tunnel the resident was instructed to meet the setbacks and get the needed permits from MTS. The resident was present, and all questions were answered. For large event requirements for the township, the Planning Commission recommends compiling guidance in the form of a handout for residents who are planning large events on their property. Nutt and the administrative assistant will put a list together for the PC to review.
- 2) Next meeting is May 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.

SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Large events requirements discussed, see above.

SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The Board had a special meeting on April 2, 2018 with Lake Michigan Credit Union to discuss moving accounts and CD's from 5/3 Bank to LMCU, as well as discussing starting a retirement account for Wilburn. Symetra, the company where the other board members have retirement funds, no longer starts those types of retirement accounts. The board felt that it would be better to have the accounts locally, and that the rates are better with LMCU.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Greg VanWoerkam, Republican candidate for State Representative, was present to answer any questions and looks forward to getting to know what's going in the local districts, including Moorland Township.
- 2) CC Foster explained the 911 millage that will be coming in August; voters will have to opportunity to vote on whether or not the county will get an updated system. If the millage is approved, Muskegon County Dispatch to be on the same system as the surrounding counties, and so able to communicate with them, but it will also mean an increased fee on every cell phone and landline. The fee will cover updating the equipment in order to utilize the new system. Muskegon Central Dispatch will come out and explain further what the millage entails. Also noted by the clerk, is that Central Dispatch provides internet service to the township, and lately has been very difficult to get assistance from. CC Foster will mention this at a meeting taking place the next day to get the issue resolved.
- 3) CC Foster also mentioned that the Muskegon County Wastewater is in the process to rename the facility.

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Nutt gave an update on the Solar Farm; a conference call took place with Tradewinds and Rich Vanderveen, and the project is moving forward, but Tradewinds will need an extension on the Special Use Permit, as things are coming together. If everything falls into place, hopefully the project will happen within the next 2 years.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nutt to adjourn, Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5). Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Spoelman
Moorland Township Clerk