

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, August 9, 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: Sabra Guy, Administrative Assistant, Mike Dekker, Fire Chief and (8) residents.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2018 BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Spoelman to approve the meeting minutes of July 12, 2018 as written. 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. Hogan 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. Hogan 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 Fire Chief gave the report for the month of July; 10 total calls, 5 medical, 3 fires, 1 grass fire, 1 personal injury.
- 2) The Chief went over the new ISO rating that the township received, went from a 10 to an 8b. Residents within 5 road miles can possibly receive a decrease in their premium with this new rating.

SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT

- 1) Nutt gave July 2018 report; Total for Township: \$749.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$74.90.

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- 1) Next meeting is September 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- 2) Reviewed the meeting from July 16, recommended the amended solar ordinance, and reviewed the number of livestock authorized per the keeping of animals ordinance.

- 3) Also reviewed the special meeting on August 1st, meeting was held to discuss the addition at the Muskegon County Wastewater, and members also discussed the proposed change to the Master Plan regarding A1 and A2 zoned properties.

SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS

- 1) None.

SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Nutt made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission for the amended Solar Ordinance which allows there to be 4, 12-month extensions, seconded by Spoelman and passed by roll call vote: Ayes: Wilburn, Knapp, Spoelman, Hogan, Nutt (5)

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Resident questioned what the township is doing regarding enforcing the junk ordinance; Nutt explained that he had planned to address that during the board member comments, the clerk notes that Nutt has been very busy in trying to deal with residents who are not following the ordinance. He has been trying to make first contact with people, knocking on doors instead of using the zoning administrator to send letters. Many residents have complained about the homes with a lot of junk, and the problem is being pursued. Initially by trying to work with the residents, but if need be, the legal system will be used.
- 2) The administrative assistant gave the election report from the Primary Election held Tuesday, August 7, 2018; Moorland Township has 1,195 registered voters, of which 301 voted for a 26% turnout.
- 3) Resident asked where the township stands in the process of making the township zoned all A2. Wilburn said that it was discussed at the last Planning Commission Meeting, and it was still under review. It will be discussed more at the next meeting, which is September 17, 2018. Nutt also commented on the potential zoning change and said that there have been legitimate questions brought up regarding taxes, which it will not affect taxes and assessing, and that it will give the landowners more rights if they are currently zoned A1. Resident also asked what the process was to get a special use permit. Nutt explained that residents can come into the township to fill out the application, pay \$225.00, and be scheduled for a public hearing. Any residents within 300 feet of the property will be notified, as well as publishing a notice in the local newspaper. Regardless of whether a property is A1 or A2, the special use requirements will remain the same.

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Spoelman stated that for those in the township who are 60 years or older, they can be on the permanent Absentee Voter list; Wilburn and Spoelman thanked the workers of the election.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nutt to adjourn, Spoelman seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5). Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Spoelman
Moorland Township Clerk