

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, October 11, 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, Sabra Guy, Administrative Assistant, Mike Dekker, Fire Chief, Mike Pierson Ravenna Independent, Shawn Grabinski, Muskegon Central Dispatch, Don and Boston Nordyk, West MI Broadband, and (10) 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 BOARD MINUTES**

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of September 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. Wilburn 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. Knapp 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 September; 16 total calls, 7 medical, 2 fires, 5 personal injuries, 1 vehicle fire, 1 station assist.
- 2) The Moorland Township Fire Department has the annual fire Open House in September; the Chief reported that it went well.

**SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT**

- 1) Nutt gave September 2018 report; Total for Township: \$495.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$49.50.

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 1) Next meeting is November 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- 2) Wilburn noted that on the agenda from the last meeting, was discussion regarding changing A-1 to A-2 zoning, as well as the Kantola special use application that was submitted.

**SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) None.

**SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Muskegon County Dispatch's Shawn Grabinski was present to discuss the surcharge that is being proposed on November's ballot for the General Election. The proposal is asking for the current monthly surcharge of \$0.42 to be increased up to an amount not to exceed \$2.75 on all devices that can access 9-1-1. This would allow for updating the aging equipment, updating the building they lease now (for roughly 50,000.00 yearly) the updating cost for the lease building will be about \$1,000,000.00, an infrastructure to support operational needs, have a replacement fund to cover the cost of replacing/maintaining the equipment and having a fiber optic back-up. Grabinski notes that with the surcharge being passed, it will help with the safety of both the citizens and public safety responders.
- 2) West Michigan Broadband (WMB) was present to discuss a grant that is available through the state to help bring reliable internet services to rural communities using fiber optics. WMB would like to bring broadband into Moorland. Don Noordyk, from WMB, discussed the different options they would offer and how it would benefit Moorland Township. WMB is requesting a letter from the township to submit with the grant request, that there is a huge need in our township, and to consider WMB for a grant. The grant should be approved before the end of the year if Moorland decides to submit a letter.
- 3) The board discussed a special land-use permit, submitted by Brent and Deanna Kantola, to do a land split of their property, which is zoned A-1. To do a land split within A-1 (Prime-Agriculture), the ordinance states that the landowner would have to split off a minimum of 40 acres. The Kantola's wish to split the house and 12 acres from the existing 53 acres and need the special use permit to be approved to do so. After much discussion, Spoelman made the motion to table the recommendation, until the board can further investigate the past practices of the township, seconded by Nutt, and pass by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 4) Nutt made the motion to have the planning commission hold a public hearing regarding a zone change to convert all of Moorland Township to A-2, (Agriculture/Residential), seconded by Spoelman, and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) A resident made a statement that it would be good for our township for the change to all A-2. The need for more homes would help the school district.

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 1) The planning commission and the township board will be having a joint workshop, sometime in October, regarding the zoning amendment for A-1

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nutt to adjourn, Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5). Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Spoelman, Moorland Township Clerk