

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, April 11, 2019 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, Mike Dekker, Fire Chief, Mike Pierson, Ravenna Independent, and (7) 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 14, 2019 BOARD MINUTES**

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2019 as written. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2019 BUDGET MINUTES**

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2019 Budget Hearing as written. Knapp 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 March 2019 report; 14 total calls, 9 medicals, 2 fires, 2 vehicle accidents, 2 wires down

**SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT**

- 1) Nutt gave March 2019 report; (0) Building permits: (4) Electrical permit (2) Mechanical permits, (0) Plumbing permits. Total for Township: \$1038.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$103.80.

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 1) Next meeting is May 20, 2019 at 7 p.m.
- 2) Wilburn reviewed the last PC meeting/public hearing. Recommendation made for a special land-use permit, on tonight's agenda for board approval.

**SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Nutt discussed the new procedures for animal complaints received at the township; once a complaint is received the township will send a letter to the owner of the animal. If the issue persists, a call will be made to Pound Buddies. Pound Buddies recently took over for Muskegon County Animal Control, and has the authority to issue tickets and/or impound animals. Phone number is 231-724-6500.
- 2) Nutt also discussed Hall Road and having gravel brought in to continue making improvements, to the section from Ravenna Road to Goebel Road. Cost was discussed, as well as how much of the road to cover. Spoelman made the motion to table the vote on the graveling until more information can be gathered on the best course of action, seconded by Nutt and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 3) Nutt made the motion to accept Ron's Lawn Service for the 2019 season, to do mowing for the township, at the same rate as last year, \$515.00 per month, to include Moorland Township Hall, Moorland Cemetery, and the dry hydrants as needed, seconded by Hogan and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 4) A special land-use recommendation from the Planning Commission was reviewed by the Board, for 12945 Bailey Road; there are 2 homes located on this parcel and the parcel is for sale. Potential buyers would like to keep both homes, live in one and rent the other. Nutt made the motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation, with the following 4 stipulations: the second home on the property must be a registered rental home, there will be no PRE on the second home, the second home may not have additions or enlargements, and must have a health and safety inspection, which will include electrical, well, sewer, and be up to building codes prior to renting the second home to a tenant. Seconded by Wilburn and passed by roll-call vote: Ayes: Knapp, Hogan, Wilburn, Spoelman and Nutt. (5)

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) CC Foster briefly spoke about the Solar Project at the Wastewater; Tradewinds still holds a lease on part of the wastewater, and that there should be movement on the part bought by Consumers Energy; also discussed that Planned Parenthood may be moving out of the county due to space issues, the board will be voting on Tuesday. Spoelman noted that Solid Waste has gotten their permit renewed. Also discussed were re-negotiating the tipping fees for Solid Waste since the landfill is located in Moorland Township, however, the fees have not changed despite the Board looking into to it.

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 1) Nutt talked about a new charitable program that the Township is starting; Moorland “Can “Help is a can/bottle donation program for the township to collect cans/bottles for return, the money raised is to help families in the community during the holidays that need assistance.
- 2) Wilburn asked about an update on the broadband and when it can be expected to come through Moorland; Nutt will contact West Michigan Broadband for an update.
- 3) Spoelman asked the County Commissioner about MOCAP, a charitable food program, and why it’s not coming out to the rural areas; Foster said it’s a federal program, and that communities need to apply to be a part of the program. The future of the program is in question however, but Foster will look into it and get more information.

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nutt to adjourn, Knapp seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes:  
Ayes: (5). Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Spoelman  
Moorland Township Clerk