

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, May 9, 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 (5) 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 APRIL 11, 2019 BOARD MINUTES**

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2019 as written. Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2019 SPECIAL MTG MINUTES**

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of April 25, 2019 Budget Hearing as written. Knapp 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. 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 April 2019 report; 12 total calls, 3 medical, 3 fire, 4 grass fires, 2 wires down.

**SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT**

- 1) Nutt gave April 2019 report; (3) Building permits: (1) Electrical permit (2) Mechanical permits, (0) Plumbing permits. Total for Township: \$1648.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$164.80.

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 1) Next meeting is May 20, 2019 at 7 p.m.

**SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Spoelman made the motion to opt-out of recreational marijuana facilities in Moorland Township, seconded by Hogan, the board opened up for discussion; Opt-out passed by roll call vote: Ayes: Spoelman, Knapp, Hogan and Nutt. (4) Nays: Wilburn. (1)
- 2) A discussion was held regarding mailing out the annual dump passes to all residents, due to a request from a resident. Due to the cost, both Board members and residents attending the meeting felt it would be more cost effective to keep it the way it is, however would like residents to know that if they cannot come in during office hours, a pass can be mailed.
- 3) The Board discussed a recent meeting with AFLAC and would like to look into it further before making a decision.
- 4) Nutt discussed UTV use and has referred residents to House Bill 5639, which took effect in March 2019.
- 5) The Office will be closed on Monday June 17, 2019.

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) A resident commented that Adams Road is in really bad shape and would like to see it fixed.
- 2) A resident asked about the Special Election on May 7, 2019 and the results; the clerk reported that 160 residents voted, 68 of those being by absentee ballots, 92 in person. Of the 160 votes for the 911 surcharge proposal, 51 voted yes and 109 voted no. Overall, county-wide, the proposal did pass however.

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 1) Clerk Spoelman discussed the fax machine at the township and possibly canceling the service due to a lack of use. Would like the township residents to know that it is available for use during office hours and will reassess the need for it in a month or two.
- 2) The supervisor noted that the first brining was scheduled for May 10, 2019, but due to the weather will be rescheduled for May 13, 2019.
- 3) Nutt also gave an update regarding West MI Broadband. Because of the new Governor in office, the grant program has been delayed; however the township would still like to move forward in getting more reliable internet/TV/phone service through the township. A letter will be sent out to township residents in the next couple of weeks with a survey, input would be appreciated.

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nutt to adjourn, Knapp seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5). Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Spoelman  
Moorland Township Clerk