

**APPROVED MINUTES  
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, August 8, 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 (4)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Brandon Wilburn (excused)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Foster, County Commissioner, and wife Peggy, Sabra Guy, Administrative Assistant, Mike Dekker, Fire Chief, Mike Pierson, Ravenna Independent and (4) residents.

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Nutt to accept the agenda as amended. Knapp seconded the motion and the agenda passed by the following votes: Ayes: (4)

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2019 BOARD MINUTES**

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2019 as written. Knapp seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (4)

**SUBJECT: TREASURERS REPORT**

- 1) Motion by Spoelman 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 July's run report. There were 24 total runs; 13 medical, 5 fire, 1 grass fire, 1 vehicle fire, 3 station standbys, and 1 wires down.
- 2) The fire chief requested that a new applicant, Justin Machma, be approved by the board pending a pre-employment physical. Spoelman made the motion to approve Justin Machma for the volunteer fire department, pending medical clearance, seconded by Knapp, and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (4)
- 3) Lastly, the fire chief gave his resignation to the Township Board, citing personal reasons. The Chief served for over 12 years, and is willing to be available to help the board and next fire chief to have a flawless transition. The clerk stated that she appreciated the years of service from the Fire Chief and that she felt blessed to have him

on the Moorland Fire Dept, and understands the sacrifice of doing so. The remaining board members also thanked Chief Dekker for his years of service.

**SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT**

- 1) Nutt gave July 2019 report; (7) Building permits: (3) Electrical permit (1) Mechanical permits, (1) Plumbing permits. Total for Township: \$2236.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$223.60.

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

- 1) The planning commission is reviewing the township's wind ordinance.
- 2) Next meeting is September 16, 2019 at 7 p.m.

**SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS**

**SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Spoelman made the motion to approve the Metro Act Paperwork submitted by Frontier Communications for a 5 year extension, seconded by Knapp and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (4)
- 2) Spoelman made the motion to approve the 2, PA 116 applications, submitted by Brian and Carrie Robinson, contingent on receiving the signature page of the warranty deed, seconded by Nutt and passed by roll call vote: Ayes: Hogan, Knapp, Spoelman, Nutt (4)
- 3) Nutt spoke on the issue of one of the pumper's in the fire department having a blown head gasket; received 2 quotes to get it fixed, \$5679.89 quoted from Pacer, located in Muskegon, and \$4952.36 from W.W. Williams, out of Byron Center. Most of the cost is due to labor. Nutt made the motion to open it up for discussion, seconded by Spoelman; the board discussed the quotes, Spoelman wanted to support the local business in Muskegon, but in the interest in getting the engine fixed sooner and the after consulting with the Fire Chief, the board decided to go with WW Williams. Passed by roll call vote: Ayes: Knapp, Hogan, Spoelman and Nutt. (4)

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) A resident asked about the use of hemp to clean toxins out of the soil and what resources are available to have the toxins disposed of once removed; the board informed the resident to contact Muskegon County Hazardous Waste or the Health Department to look into the matter.
- 2) The county commissioner took a moment to thank the fire chief for his years of service; he also thanked the voters for coming out and passing the Veterans Millage Renewal.

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 1) The deputy clerk gave the election results for the August 6, 2019 special election. Moorland Township had 112 voters, of which 71 were absentee voters. The election was held for the veterans millage renewal; Moorland had 85 yes's and 26 no's.

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nutt to adjourn, Knapp seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes:  
Ayes: (4). Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Spoelman  
Moorland Township Clerk