

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE MOORLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019**

The Moorland Township Board of Trustees met Thursday, December 12, 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, Trustee Brandon Wilburn (5)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Foster, County Commissioner and wife Peggy, Mike Pierson, Ravenna Independent, Fire Chief Leon Wolverton and Assistant Fire Chief Don Pant, Consumer's Energy Representatives Rich Houtteman and Dave Petri, Dave Johnson and wife, Muskegon County Wastewater, Sabra Guy, Deputy Clerk and (5) residents.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Nutt to approve the agenda, Knapp seconded the motion and the agenda passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2019 BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Nutt to approve the meeting minutes of November 14, 2019 as presented. Wilburn 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. Wilburn 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 of November 2019; 14 total calls to include (8) medical, (1) personal vehicle accidents, (5) fires; 3 of which were assists
- 2) Hogan discussed the recent costly repairs to the fire trucks. The budget has been exceeded, but there are contingent funds to cover the costs.

SUBJECT: BUILDING REPORT

- 1) Nutt gave the November report; (1) Building permit: (2) Electrical permits (5) Mechanical permits, (0) Plumbing permits. Total permits cost: \$779.00, with 10% payable to the township for a total of \$77.90.

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- 1) Wilburn notes that the next meeting will be on January 6, 2020, in which the commission will discuss ORV/Golf Cart ordinances and review some from other townships. The commission will be putting together questions for the January 9th, 2020 Board Meeting as the county sheriff will be present to answer questions.
- 2) Nutt reviewed the meeting schedule for the Planning Commission as well as the Board and Holiday Schedule. The planning commission will meet the first Monday of each month, although the meeting can be canceled if there is nothing on the agenda. This is a change from previously, when the commission met the third Monday every other month.

SUBJECT: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- 1) Nutt stated that there was one letter sent, but that the issue was resolved.

SUBJECT: OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Hogan made the motion to table the decision of the Assistant Fire Chief salary for the reason that no list of duties were given in a timely man Hogan feels that this should be discussed with the full board. Hogan would like to have the January 9th board meeting start at 6:30 instead of seven so this issue can be discussed. Motion seconded by Spoelman and passed 3-2 by roll call vote: Ayes: Wilburn, Hogan and Spoelman (3), Nays: Nutt, Knapp (2)

SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Rich Houtteman and David Petri, from Consumers Energy, discussed the current status of the solar project at the Wastewater. Beginning this year, there is a 3rd party bid process going on in the state for sites including the site in Muskegon.
- 2) Motion by Spoelman to continue lawyer services with Mika Meyers & Associates, for 2020, seconded by Nutt, and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 3) Motion by Spoelman to continue auditor services with Wohlberg CPA for 2020, seconded by Knapp, and passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5)
- 4) Spoelman discussed the upcoming year, it will be a big election year. So far, Moorland will have 3 elections, potentially 4. In addition, the township had to order a new laptop for election use. There were no grants available this time to go toward the purchase.
- 5) Tipping fees increased for the landfill by 2 dollars.
- 6) Michigan Townships Association has lawyers on staff to answer general questions.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) The county commissioner was available for questions; Spoelman asked him to speak again about the senior millage funds.
- 2) A resident asked about the fire department duties.

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) The Board introduced Dave Johnson, from the Muskegon County Wastewater.
- 2) Nutt stated that the Santa Event could use a few more donations.

- 3) Nutt commented on how well the Fire department did back in November; he had the opportunity to observe them in action and is very proud of their work.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nutt to adjourn, Wilburn seconded the motion and it passed by the following votes: Ayes: (5). Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Spoelman
Moorland Township Clerk