

**MECOSTA TOWNSHIP**

**19729 11 MILE RD. BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307**

**September 14, 2046/approved**

- 1. Meeting called to Order: 7:00 p.m.**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Roll call: John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, James Cain, Michele Graham, Susan Sikkema.**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the adding of Hammer Auto Sales under new business (D.) by Sikkema, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson.**

**Approved – 5**

**Unapproved – 0**

**Motion carried.**

- 5. Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> minutes made by Quinlan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson.**

**Approved – 5**

**Unapproved – 0**

**Motion carried.**

- 6. Treasures Report: Treasurer's report accepted as given and entered into the official record.**

- 7. Approval to pay bills & payroll: Motion to pay bills & payroll in the amount of \$41,738.59 by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cain.**

**Roll call: Johnson -yes, Cain – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes, Sikkema – yes.**

**Motion carried.**

- 8. Brief Public Comment: Robert Draves stated he could not afford to pay the fee for fire assistance and was hoping the board will allow him to do some service to work off the fee owed.**

- 9. Reports: County Commissioner Report: Commissioner O’Neil was asked about EMS and stated not on that committee.**
- A. Assessors/Supervisor: Water test is to be done every 4 months’ now or a fine of \$200.00 would be imposed.**
  - B. Fire Dept.: Meeting is Sept. 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m. held at the fire hall.**
  - C. Cemetery: None.**
  - D. Budget: Accepted as given.**
  - E. Planning Commission: Cain stated they are working on zoning amendments. Towers design to collapse with itself. Would be hard to find that kind of space for setbacks. If not allow could be some legal issues. Atty. Scales to be contacted.**
- 10. Unfinished Business:**
- A. Fire Millage: Board are considering millage for the fire dept. Need to have paper work done by January to have it on the May ballot.**
  - B. MCDC & Big Rapids Public Schools Contracts: MCDC would like \$1.00 per parcel. Will ask Mr. J. Sandy to come to next meeting to answer question. Public School would like a donation for their yearly fund raiser. No action taken.**
- 11. New Business:**
- A. Michigan’s Dragon at Hardy Dam: Don Tilton (Newaygo) stated the bike path will have 4 trail heads. Entails soil erosion, endanger species, cultural resource sights. Board concerns – emergency vehicle access – liability to the township, how is it funded. As of now grants and volunteers are doing the work.**
  - B. Mecosta County Area Welcome Center: None**

