

Mecosta Township

19729 11 Mile Rd., Big Rapids MI 49307

April 12,2017 /Unapproved minutes

1. Supervisor, Michele Graham, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:** John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan, James Cain – absent.
4. **Approval of Agenda-** Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Mary Quinlan, supported by John Johnson. Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, James Cain – absent. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of the Minutes-** Motion to approve and accept March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes moved by John Johnson, supported by Mary Quinlan. John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, James Cain – absent. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurers Report-** Michele accepted Treasurers report as presented and entered into official record.
7. **Approval to Pay Bills and Payroll-** Motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$45,008.02 moved by John Johnson, supported by Mary Quinlan. John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, James Cain – absent. Motion carried.
8. **Brief Public Comment-** Linda Bolton, 30 +yrs. resident, 20 yr. homeowners of Mecosta Township, addressed The Board with concerns regarding 11 Mile Rd west of Northland Dr., sighting the pot holes and the inherit dangers that residents along the road are concerned about. The Board graciously appreciated speaking with Linda as The Board is still addressing which roads should and can be fixed or completed in our township given the current budget.
9. **Reports**
  - A. County Commissioners Report – Nothing to report.

- B. Assessor/Supervisor Report – The Assessment roll has been rolled and balanced moving the township into 2018. Michele will start assessing soon. Michele also will be addressing her first Junk complaint.
- C. Fire Dept.- Increase of wages was given to the Officers. Equipment is to be purchased soon for the Dragon Trail. The Washer/Dryer should be in any time so that our firefighters can now wash their own turn out gear.
- D. Cemetery- Meeting is this week Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Lois and Michele will be in attendance.
- E. Budget – Nothing new as we are into our new budget.
- F. Planning Commission- Meeting last week, they are looking to replace a member yet; and are in the talks of updating the Master Plan. Brought to our attention by Board Member Johnson, perhaps the Township Board would consider taking over the Buffalo Park maintenance from the Village of Stanwood.

**10. Unfinished Business**

- A. 2017 Roads- The Board is still in the deciding phase of which roads need our most immediate attention. Linda speaking with us regarding 11 Mile was most beneficial. We have a max budget of \$125,000.00.
- B. Maintenance Position- The Board reviewed two separate applications Motion made by Mary Quinlan to hire applicant Robert Ward, John Johnson support. Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, James Cain – absent. Motion carried. Welcome aboard Robert.

**11. New Business**

- A. Credit/Debit Card Tax Payments- Mary has approached The Board with accepting Tax payments by Credit/Debit Card. She has seen the Point and Pay program at work in the County Courthouse. There is no charge for this system. Any processing fees will be paid for by resident wishing to use this payment method. Mary will be bringing more information to the next meeting.
- B. Election Equipment – The County Clerk has officially made her decision regarding new election equipment for our county and townships. Election equipment will fall under the HAVA ACT which off sets the cost to the townships needing to fill the states requirement for new equipment. There will be more discussion as time to swap out machines comes closer. We have no elections thus far for this year.

**12. Brief Public Comment – None**

**13. Announcements/Correspondence – Road Commission meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.**

**14. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn, moved by John Johnson, supported by Mary Quinlan. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm**

Submitted by: Lois Brennan, Clerk