

MECOSTA TOWNSHIP

19729 11 MILE RD., BIG RAPIDS, MI.

JANUARY 13, 2016 / 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 addition under reports – E Budget – Elections made by Quinlan, 2nd by Sikkema.**

Approved – 5

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the December minutes as written by Johnson, 2nd by Cain.**

Approved – 5

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

- 6. Treasurers Report: Treasurers report accepted as given and entered into the official record.**
- 7. Approval to pay Bills & Payroll: Motion to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$18,512.24 by Johnson, 2nd by Cain.**

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

Motion carried.

- 8. Brief Public Comment: None**

- 9. Reports:**

A. County Commissioner Report: None

B. Assessors/Supervisor Report: Graham contacted Atty. Scales to be sure the Townships lien is listed on the foreclosed property. Assessor is

almost balanced. Joint meeting (Austin & Mecosta) January 14th, 2016
7:00 p.m.

- C. Fire Department: Meeting will be January 20th, 2016 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Barns.
- D. Cemetery: A couple trees need to be cut down. Will review in the spring.
- E. Budget – Election: Motion was made to move \$6000.00 from 101-000-989 to 101-411-702 - \$5000.00 and to 101-411-726 - \$1,000.00 by Sikkema, 2nd by Johnson.

Roll call: Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Cain – yes, Graham – yes,
Sikkema – yes. Motion carried.

Sikkema informed the board of updates that effect the future election and election budget.

- F. Planning Commission: Cain went over all the Planning Board has accomplished for the 2015 year, along with the Annual Report. The report can be view at the township hall.

10.Unfinished Business:

- A. Roads: Graham presented to the Board the estimates from the Mecosta Road Commission. The Board will review and decide what the Township can budget for roads and which one will be high on the list.
- B. Engineering Plans: Graham will call and get other estimates for the Township property. Engineering plans are needed to move forward for the Rec. Plan. Township needs to know where the drain fields are and the septic.

11. New Business:

- A. Assessment Envelopes: Motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Cain to spend up to \$1000.00 for the stamped envelopes required by Assessor.

Roll call: Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Cain – yes, Graham – Sikkema – yes. Motion carried.

- B. Medical marihuana extension: Motion was made in form of Resolution 2016-01 to extend the temporary moratorium for Medical Marihuana and similar activities by Sikkema, 2nd by Johnson.**

Roll call: Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Cain – yes, Graham – yes, Sikkema – yes. Motion carried.

- C. 2016-2017 Budget/Wage Review: Board went over what the supervisor presented and will review February meeting.**
- D. Muskegon River Watershed: Motion was made by Quinlan to upon receipt of contract with Muskegon River Watershed to pay \$500.00, 2nd by Johnson.**

Roll call: Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Cain – yes, Graham – yes, Sikkema – yes. Motion carried.

12. Brief Public Comment: None

13. Announcements/Correspondence: None

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Johnson, 2nd by Sikkema.

Approved – 5 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Susan Sikkema

Twp. Clerk