

**MECOSTA TOWNSHIP**

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

**FEBRUARY 10, 2016 / APPROVED**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**
- 2. Pledge to the flag**
- 3. Roll call: Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham, John Johnson, James Cain.  
Absent: Susan Sikkema.**

**Treasurer appointed to take minutes.**

- 4. Approval of the agenda: motion to approve agenda by Cain Supported by Johnson. All ayes.**
- 5. Approval of the minutes from January 13, 2016 and special Election Commission Meeting February 1, 2016 regular meeting. Motion by Johnson, supported by Cain. All ayes, motion carried.**
- 6. Treasurers Report: Treasurers report was accepted and entered into the official record.**
- 7. Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$17,817.87 made by Johnson, supported by Cain. Roll call: Michele, John, James, Mary – yes. 0 Nays. Motion approved.**
- 8. Brief Public Comment: none heard**
- 9. Reports:**

- A. County Commissioner's Report – A bid was accepted for \$109,400 to repair the air conditioner chiller at the county building. County morgue is being utilized by other counties.**
  
- B. Assessor/Supervisor Report – Consumer's Power approved Hardy Pond trail on their property and is now going to FERC. Gladys to attend meeting Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Assessments to be mailed the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. Board of Review organizational meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> with Board of Review to follow March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.**
  
- C. Fire Department – Joint Fire Department meeting was held January 27<sup>th</sup>. Budget to remain at \$60,000. Each township to contribute \$30,000.00**
  
- D. Cemetery – none heard.**
  
- E. Budget – Settlement meeting March 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**
  
- F. Planning Commission – Meeting canceled – no quorum. Pam Scarbough and Mary Withers terms on the Planning Commission need to be renewed as well as Bonnie Palmer and Dan Astleford from the Planning Commission. Moved by Cain, supported by Johnson to renew their terms for 3 years. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Roads – Motion by Johnson, supported by Cain to approve \$95,000.00 to pulverize and pave 8 mile road from 185<sup>th</sup> to Northland Drive. Roll call: Johnson – yes, Cain – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes. Sikkema – absent. Motion carried 4-yes. 0 Nays.**
- B. Engineering Plans – motion by Johnson, supported by Cain to topographical survey, spot elevation, locate all buildings and utilities, includes placement of proposed playground equipment for**

**\$2,500.00. Roll call: Johnson – yes, Cain – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes. Sikkema – absent. Motion carried. 4 – Yes. 0 – Nays.**

- C. 2016-2017 Budget/Wage Review – Discussion on increasing Zoning Administrator Annuity from 5% to 8%. Trustee wages to be increased to \$2,400 per year. Assistant Zoning Administrator wage to be increased to \$12.00. Maintenance to be increased to \$14.00 per hour. Settlement Hearing March 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

**New Business:**

- D. Walt Erickson Library is requesting a renewal contract from Mecosta Township. Motion to approve a \$3,000 contract with Walt Erickson Library. Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Cain – yes, Graham – yes. Sikkema – absent. Motion carried 4- yes. 0 – nays.**
- E. Construction books – moved by Johnson, supported by Cain to spend \$250 on construction books. Roll call: Johnson – yes, Cain – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes, Sikkema – absent. Motion carried 4-yes. 0 – nays.**

**Brief Public Comment – none heard**

**Announcements/correspondence**

**Adjournment 87:00. Motion to adjourn by John, supported by James. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.**

**Mary Quinlan,  
Acting Secretary**