

MECOSTA TOWNSHIP

19729 11 MILE RD. BIG RAPIDS, MI. 49307

MAY 11, 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 as written by Cain, 2nd by Johnson.**

Approved – 5

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes: Motion made to approve the April 13, 2016 with corrections by Cain, 2nd by Johnson.**

Approved – 5

Unapproved -0

Motion carried.

- 6. Treasurers Report: Treasurers report accepted as given and entered in to the official record.**

- 7. Approval of Bills & Payroll: Motion to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$21,329.98 made by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan.**

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

Motion carried.

- 8. Brief Public Comment: Bill Larson stepped up and stated he is running for the Road Commission. He lives in Big Rapids Township and is semi-retired and has the time to contribute.**

- 9. Reports:**

A. County Commissioner Report: Thomas O'Neal stated he was selected to replace Commissioner Art Adleman, and fill in the rest of the term. Art moved which open the Commissioner position. Thomas also stated that he is running for the County Commissioner's next term. He lives in Mecosta Township and is also on the Mecosta/Austin Fire Department. He also worked 16 years for the Mecosta County Road Commission.

B. Assessors/Supervisor Report: Graham stated that the total taxable value which is based on SEV for 2016 so \$93,370,738.00. A copy of the report will be entered into the official record.

Also Graham stated that since the changing of all the lights in the office and storage barn she received a report of a savings of \$772.00 from the dates of Feb. 2015 – Jan. 2016. Report will be entered into the official record.

Graham is working on updating the property cards. Making sure the pictures match the property.

C. Fire Department: Meeting is May 18, 2016 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on 8 Mile rd.

D. Cemetery: Cemetery Board received 2 bids and voted to accept Falin Lawn Service. Townships will contribute \$2,200.00 each for the care of Stanwood Cemetery.

E. Budget: Accepted as given.

F. Planning Commission: Cain stated they are working with a resident on site plans for a saw mill, driveway was rejected by the Road Commission so the resident has to submit a new location and get approval from the road commission before any approval can be made from the Planning Commission.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Recreation Plan:

Supervisor would like to set a date to have the Township Board and the Planning Commission to have a joint meeting to go over the plans for the township property so the Planning Commission can move forward to applying for grants.

11. New Business: None

12. Brief Public Comment: None

13. Announcements/Correspondence: The Army Corps of Engineers will be presenting the results of the Muskegon River Sediment Study on Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. This will be held at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety Building.

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

Approved – 5

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 p.m.

Susan Sikkema

Twp. Clerk