

**MECOSTA TOWNSHIP**

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

**AUGUST 10, 2016 / APPROVED**

- 1. Meeting called Order: 7:00. p.m.**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Roll call: John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham, Susan Sikkema, absent: James Cain.**
- 4. Approval of the agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as written by Sikkema, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quinlan.**

**Approved – 4**

**Unapproved – 0**

**Motion carried.**

- 5. Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the July minutes with corrections made by Quinlan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson.**

**Approved – 4**

**Unapproved – 0**

**Motion carried.**

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

- 7. Approval to pay bills & payroll: Motion to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$32,474.46 by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quinlan.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- 8. Brief Public Comment: Nancy Puffer stated she did not win running for Clerk but she was happy to meet a lot of people. She also stated that her and husband would like to be involved with the Township in any way they can be of help.**

**9. Reports: A. County Commissioner Report: Commissioner O'Neil stated he had nothing to report.**

**B. Assessors/Supervisor Report: Graham stated that the Township has saved \$452.00 this year after replacing the lights in the Township.**

**Assessing is moving along.**

**C. Fire Dept.: Brake repair was done on Engine 3-11, but the brakes will have to be replaced in the near future.**

**D. Cemetery: None**

**E. Budget: Accepted as given.**

**F. Planning Commission: See 10. Unfinished Business C.**

#### **10. Unfinished Business**

**A. Junk Enforcement: It was stated that in order to go out on complaint the Township has to have a written complaint. The properties that have a written complaint have been notified and follow up is being done. A couple of properties have been cleaned up.**

**B. Noise Ordinance: None**

**C. Site Plan/Grant: A grant for \$2000.00 needs to see progress being done. A motion was made to spend up to \$2000.00 to install a basketball system on the Township property by Quinlan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson.**

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

**A joint meeting with the Planning Commission to meet on a Saturday morning will be planned. Graham will contact all the members.**

**11. New Business:**

- A. AC unit: Because of continue repairs on the unit (25 yrs. old) Graham received a replacement cost with the last repair deducted if accepted.**

**Johnson made a motion to spend up to \$2,600.00 in replacing the unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quinlan.**

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

- B. Hall refund: Motion was made to refund \$150.00 for a rental that was cancelled at the last minute by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quinlan.**

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

- C. Group Pension Plan: Motion was made by Johnson in form of Resolution to change existing 401(a) plan contribution billing to a quarterly contribution billing (Res. No. 2016-04), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quinlan.**

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

- D. Cleaning Person: 3 applications were reviewed. Motion was made by Johnson to try ServiceMaster for 90 days at stated rate of \$19.50 per hour and review contract at the December meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quinlan.**

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

- E. Mecosta County Development Corporation: Township received a proposal and will address it at the September meeting.**

**F. Big Rapids Public Schools: 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cardinal Walk-A-Thon – this will be addressed at the Sept. Meeting.**

**12. Brief Public Comment: None**

**13. Announcements/Correspondence: None**

**14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sikkema.**

**Approved – 4**

**Unapproved – 0**

**Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:11 p.m.**

**Susan Sikkema**

**Twp. Clerk**