

MECOSTA TOWNSHIP

19729 11 MILE RD. BIG RAPIDS, MI. 49307

OCTOBER 12, 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 Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the following changes – moving from reports – c. fire dept. to unfinished business – c. Fire dept. & D. (adding) – Zoning by Cain, 2nd by Quinlan.**

Approved – 5 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

- 5. Approval of the minutes: Motion to approve minutes for meetings: Sept. 14th, 2 on Sept. 17th, and the 29th as written by Quinlan, 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 made by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan to pay bills & payroll in the amount of \$32,211.01.**

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

8. Brief Public Comment: Michele Hoitenga, Candidate, 102nd District State Representative. “As Mayor, I know the challenges our local governments face and my goal is to find solutions to issues that are hurting our progress and growth. These issues range from state mandates, excessive regulations, redundant paperwork, complicated grant applications, and so forth. The exchange of ideas is on path to better government!” michelehoitenga@gmail.com. 231-878-3888.

9. Reports:

A. County Commissioner: Commissioner O’Neil stated the county EMS rehired Tim Ladd.

B. Assessors/Supervisor: Graham stated she will be needing 20 credits for assessing next year.

C. Fire Department: Moved to Unfinished Business – C.

D. Cemetery: Meeting October 20th, 7 p.m. Held at the Fire Station.

E. Budget: No outstanding issues.

F. Planning Commission: Cain stated that it has to do with the zoning under Unfinished Business

10. Unfinished Business:

A. MCDC Contract.: Jim Sandy, President of Mecosta County Development Corporation stated “that they are looking to partner with leaders and organization that have an interest and believe in the economic future of Mecosta County and its citizens.” He would like “to request that the township contract with MCDC and join this effort because we are stronger when we work together.” He would like \$1.00 per resident (approximate 2,826 in Mecosta Township) \$2,826 for a 3-year contract. Board Member John Johnson stated that as how this year budget was already set that he could not see entering into a contract at this time. It will be discussed at the November meeting.

B. Site Plan: Graham stated she will update the site plan with additional exercise trail and tables and contact Mr. Tingley to add. them to the Township property site plan map.

C. Fire Dept.: Austin supervisor would like a joint meeting to discuss the money from the sale of the Fire Dept. old pumper truck. Mecosta Board stated it is close to joint meeting (January) and do not see a need at this time for a special joint meeting to discuss the sale for the Mecosta/Austin Fire Board has already handled it.

D. Zoning: Zoning ordinance amendments recommendations from the planning commission (fall 2016). This is the recommendations and suggestions from Atty. Scales. This covers: Camping, Temporary Sawmills, Commercial District, Radio, Television, Transmission Towers and Communication Towers and ADA. Motion made by Cain to accept the changes

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Roll call: Johnson – yes, Quinlan – no, Cain – yes, Graham – yes, Sikkema – yes. Motion carried.

11. New Business:

A. Mileage for Special Meeting: Question was made is mileage should be given if a special meeting is called. Board agreed that it should be given.

B. Door Repair: Motion was made to by Quinlan to spend \$258.00 on repair and sealing the hall doors. 2nd by Johnson.

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

C. Special Use Hearing, Refund: Motion was made by Quinlan, 2nd by Johnson to refund \$250.00 to River Quest LLC. For hearing that did not take place.

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

D. Medical Marihuana: Will table this for next month, will also contact Atty. Scales and get his opinion.

E. Payroll: All payroll for Township – Fire – 1st Responder will now be direct deposit by Resolution 2016-6.

12. **Brief Public Comment: none**
13. **Announcements/correspondence: None**
14. **Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Quinlan, 2nd by Johnson.**

Approved – 5

Unapproved: 0

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Susan Sikkema

Twp. Clerk