

MECOSTA TOWNSHIP

19729 11 MILE RD. BIG RAPIDS, MI

NOVEMBER 9, 2016 / UNAPPROVED

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

Approved – 4

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the Oct. 12th minutes was made by Cain, 2nd by Quinlan.**

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 \$98,180.52 by Quinlan, 2nd by Cain.**

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

Motion carried.

- 8. Brief Public Comment: None**

- 9. Reports:**

A. County Commissioner Report: Commissioner O'Neal stated Erick O'Neil and Paul Bullock were appointed to run the Training Bldg. Mecosta County Service Bldg. is 98% completed. This is being used for fire training.

B. Assessors/Supervisor Reports – Graham stated doing land studies and will be going out into the field for assessing. She also stated that Dave Cope and Mark Graham finished installing the basketball hoop on the west side of parking lot.

C. Fire Department: At the special joint meeting for the Fire Dept. it was agreed for both townships to pay 50/50 on the new truck. As the stickers state that it is a rescue, Austin stated that on rescue investments the split is 65/35. Mecosta Twp. Must reimburse Austin Twp. \$6,750.00.

Motion was made by Quinlan and 2nd by Cain to reimburse Austin Twp. \$6,750.00 for the new truck.

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

D. Cemetery: None

E. Budget: None

F. Planning Commission: Planning Commission has been involved in working on special uses. They are also looking at Medical Marihuana facility. Contact was made with Atty. Scales and he stated that regarding to local control the Act states: “Sec. 205. (1) A marihuana facility shall not operate in a municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance that authorizes that type of facility. A municipality may adopt an ordinance to authorize 1 or more types of marihuana facilities within its boundaries and to limit the number of each type of marihuana facility. A municipality may adopt other ordinances relating to marihuana facilities within its jurisdiction, including zoning regulations.” “So, you would need to take action for these to be allowed in your Township; if you don’t act they aren’t allowed.” (letter will be filed with monthly minutes). Township Board will take no action.

10. Unfinished Business:

- A. MCDC Contracts: To be tabled until the December meeting.
- B. Roads: 8 Mile came in below estimate which. Total cost was \$77,024.46.

11. New Business:

- A. Discussion on a new computer for clerk's office for deputy but is put on hold because the state is not working with windows 10 yet.
- B. The Oath of Office: Is to be done on November 21, 2016
- C. Copy Machine: Motion was made to spend up to \$5,200.00 for a new color/black & white copier by Quinlan, 2nd by Cain.

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

12. Brief Public Comment: None

13. Announcements/Correspondence

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

Approved – 4

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Susan Sikkema

Twp. Clerk