

MECOSTA TOWNSHIP

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

DECEMBER 13, 2016 / APPROVED

- 1. Meeting call to 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 Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as given made by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan.**

Approved – 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the November minutes with correction by Quinlan, 2nd by Johnson.**

Approved – 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

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

- 7. Approval to pay Bills & Payroll: Motion to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$28,660.32 by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan.**

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

- 8. Brief Public Comment: None**

9. Reports:

A. County Commissioner Report: Commissioner O'Neil could not make the meeting but left information with the supervisor and clerk.

For meetings to get the schedule for the Service Building the contact is Lisa Baker – 592-0795

The morgue has been used this year 43 times.

13 – Mecosta

29 – Newaygo

01 – Osceola

B. Assessors/Supervisor Report: Graham has attended two classes for assessing.

C. Fire Dept. – fire board members

D. Cemetery – cemetery board members.

Fire and Cemetery Board members are put on hold. Township Clerk submitted her resignation effective January 1, 2017.

Motion to accept the clerk's resignation was made by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan.

**Approved – 3 Unapproved -0 Motion carried.
Susan Sikkema-abstained, James Cain-absent**

E. Budget: Motion was made to move \$1000.00 from contingency 101-000-989 to building dept. 101-411-818 by Quinlan, 2nd by Johnson.

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

**F. Planning Commission – Planning Commission Members:
Motion was made to have the following Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals member for 3 years (01-01-2017 through 01-01-2020) Linda Bechaz and Mike Malcomnson for Planning Commission and Ron Bongard and Mary Ratliff – alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals by Quinlan, 2nd by Johnson.**

Approved – 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

Motion was made to have the Zoning Administrator submit to the Attorney Scales the changes to the zoning ordinance amendments by Sikkema, 2nd by Johnson.

Approved – 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. MCDC Contracts: will be reviewed in January meeting.

B. Joint Fire Department Agreement: Motion was made to accepted the Joint meeting minutes with Austin Twp. And to accept the Addendum and revision Article 6 as written. (Copy will be on file with Decembers minutes) by Quinlan, 2nd by Johnson.

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

C. Payroll: none

11. New Business:

A. 2017 Township Holidays & meeting dates: Motion to accept the dates as written and to be posted by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan.

Approved – 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

B. Board of Review members: Motion to have Ron Bongard, Kelly Husted, Norman Strickler, Mike Malcomnson on the board of review from 2017-2018 by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan.

Approved – 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

C. Roads: Boards members will consider it.

D. Poverty Exemption Guidelines and asset test: Motion in form of Resolution 2016-07 accepted by Quinlan, 2nd by Johnson.

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

E. Asset Test. Test given to residence qualify for Poverty Exemption.

F. Retirement Accounts: Graham will have someone to come in and explain different retirement plans.

G. Christmas Holiday (Dec. 23 & 26): Christmas days off will be the 23rd through 26th.

12. Brief Public Comment: None

13. Announcements: None

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan. Approved: 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Susan Sikkema

Twp. Clerk