

## Mecosta Township

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

August 9, 2017, 7:00pm./ approved minutes

1. Supervisor Michele Graham, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** – John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan. James Cain- Absent.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to accept agenda as presented, Seconded by John Johnson.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to accept minutes as presented for July 12, 2017. Seconded by John Johnson.
6. **Treasurers Report** - Michele Graham accepted Treasurers report as given and entered into it into the official record.
7. **Approval to pay bills and payroll** – Motion made by John Johnson to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$18,818.67. Seconded by Mary Quinlan. Roll call John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. James Cain -Absent. Motion carried.
8. **Brief Public Comment** – none heard
9. **Reports** –
  - A. **County Commissioner Report** – as presented by Thomas O’Neil. Montcalm County has joined the Mecosta County Morgue Authority. There is still interest from several other counties as well. Also presented the Board with the question of whether we would be opposed to having the Counties Board Meeting minutes emailed to us. Mecosta Township Board is fine with that idea.
  - B. **Assessors/Supervisors Report** – Assessors Report – “Rockin & Rollin” We have had 63 good sales 20 of which were vacant. This will greatly help the values of properties in our community. Which mean assessments will be going up. Supervisors Report – We received our first billing for the road projects we okayed. The billing for 11 Mile Rd. to 230<sup>th</sup> Ave. came in at \$129,237.00 but had been quoted at \$141,714.00. That is a 9% savings. We are waiting for the

billing for the other projects. 185<sup>th</sup> Ave. is still being considered by the County Road Commission, however they are waiting for the approval from the DNR for a culvert that needs to be replaced.

- C. **Fire Department** - The Firemen and First Responders have been attending class and training in ropes training. A Grant was provided by Trans Canada to assist in equipment and training necessary for the rescue of individuals on the newly developing “Dragon Trail on the Hardy Pond”.
- D. **Cemetery** – Nothing new.
- E. **Budget** – Looks good.
- F. **Planning Commission** – Howard Bowersox spoke to the Board about holding a joint meeting to review and proceed with ideas on the Master Plan and Recreation Plan. Howard is also asking Board Members to volunteer in the newly formed Mecosta Township Outreach Task Force. The goal is to compile ideas from members on how to best reach and gather ideas from our community with moving forward on the Master Plan and Recreation Plan. All input is very welcomed by any whom live in Mecosta Township. Also discussed was calling in David Bee, Director of West Michigan Regional Planning Commission, as a possible facilitator to help all with the upcoming reviews. Howard is asking that the Joint Meeting be held on a Tuesday or Thursday evening.

10. **Unfinished Business** –

- A. **Tree Removal & Trimming** – The Board received 3 bids for tree removal and trimming of trees on the Township grounds. True Man’s Tree Service was awarded the contract not to exceed \$7000.00 Motion made by Mary Quinlan to accept bid from True Man’s Tree Service and contract them to do the work. Seconded by Lois Brennan. Roll Call Mary Quinlan – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, John Johnson – yes, Michele Graham – yes, James Cain – Absent. Motion carried.

11. **New Business** -

- A. **Zoning Computer** – The main computer in the Zoning Department is very outdated and is having trouble with updates and

performance. Michele has asked the Board to approve up to \$700.00 for a new computer.

**B. Clerks Printer/Copier** – The Clerk’s office is requesting a new printer/copier as the one currently being used is failing to connect to the printer and is making efficiency in the office difficult with as many copies and reports printed. Michele has asked the Board to approve up to \$350.00 for a new printer/copier. Motion was made by John Johnson to spend up to \$1200.00 to purchase both pieces of equipment for the offices. Seconded by Mary Quinlan. Roll call - John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, James Cain Absent. Motion carried.

12. **Brief Public Comment** – Howard Bowersox mentioned use of the front window of the Township Hall for maps and information to be displayed to the Community of Mecosta Township to also aid in communication with our area.

13. **Announcements/Correspondences** – none

14. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned by Michele Graham at 7:30pm.