

SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

MECOSTA TOWNSHIP BOARD

19729 11 MILE RD. BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307

MARCH 30,2020/UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PREPARED BY CLERK, LOIS BRENNAN

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Supervisor Michele Graham called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.
2. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
3. **ROLL CALL:** John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, James Cain via facetime, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan. All present.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** prior to approval of the agenda, the Board allowed Chief Ron Palmer to address the board with an update as to current status with COVID19 protocols, Chief Palmer expressed a need to have a remote location to be used for a second team of personnel strictly for COVID19 calls as well as to decontaminate personal and apparatus used during COVID19 calls. Discussion with the board led to using the townships pole barn located at township hall as a decontamination spot if the need arises, also a mop closet that is located inside township hall would be converted into a small make shift shower for personal that wished to shower after COVID19 calls. Also discussed was utilizing personnel as needed for staffing and availability for non COVID19 calls as well as impending COVID19 calls. This would be a temporary arrangement during the current health crisis that is sweeping across our state. The Board discussed relocating the township pickup truck and lawnmower to a board members home during this critical time. Agenda is approved as is mandated for a budget hearing. Given the current COVID19 situation, local governments are being directed to accept their budgets as presented at this time and get out of their meetings quickly, budgets can and generally are amended throughout a fiscal year. Any issues with the presented budget should be taken up at a later meeting, if necessary.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** none heard.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. 2019-2010 BUDGET SETTLEMENT: Supervisor Michele Graham presented the board with a brief explanation of monies that need to be moved around in the current budget to balance all accounts. Motion to roll over funds and make outlined changes to balance current budget made by Mary Quinlan, John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Lois Brennan presented to the Board bills and payrolls with the addition of a phone processed credit card payment and a pension payment that was due in the total amount of \$24,664.63. Motion made to approve and pay bills and payroll as presented in the amount of \$24,664.63 by Mary Quinlan, John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

B. 2020-2021 BUDGET: Brief discussion as to the outline of the budget presented by Supervisor Michele Graham. Motion made to accept the new 2020-2021 budget as presented by John Johnson, James Cain 2nd. Roll Call: John Johnson- yes, James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: nothing currently.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Mike Fish spoke regarding that it is hard to follow along with the budget hearing without having all information. The Board informed Mr. Fish all information privy to a budget hearing needs to be requested ahead of time in order to help residents follow along.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: none

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned made by Mary Quinlan at 6:30pm pm., Lois Brennan 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

**Lois Brennan, Clerk
Mecosta Township**