

Mecosta Township

Regular Meeting

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.
March 5, 2020 / unapproved minutes
Prepared by: Lois Brennan, Mecosta Township Clerk

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michele Graham at 6:00pm.
2. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
3. **Roll Call** – John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan – present. James Cain present via facetime.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion made by James Cain to accept the agenda with changing unfinished business B. from Policy to Junk Day, Lois Brennan 2nd. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion made by John Johnson to approve all 4 sets of minutes as presented, Mary Quinlan 2nd. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurers Report** – The Treasurers report was accepted and entered into record as presented, by Supervisor Michele Graham.
7. **Approval to Pay Bills & Payroll** – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to approve and pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$19,453.14, John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.
8. **Brief Public Comment** – none heard
9. **Reports** –
 - A. **County Commissioner Report** – County Building is closed, most offices do have employees, access through the west side of the building. Millage proposal of 3 mills for 911 services.
 - B. **Assessors/Supervisors Report** – processing property affidavits, holding the current roll waiting on department of equalization.
 - C. **Clerks Report** – nothing new to report. All paperwork has been faxed to the County regarding elections for August.
 - D. **Cemetery Report** – Email from Ken Vredenburg regarding clearing old flowers and flags as the students will not be able to do so this year. Mecosta Township Board agreed to aid in this and will remove items before cemetery officially opens for the season.
 - E. **Budget Report** – nothing new.

F. Planning Commission Report – have not met due to COVID19.

10. Unfinished Business –

A. Fire Department – Chief Palmer was absent this meeting.

- **Reports** –
- **SCBA Replacement** -Grant

B. Policy- Junk Day- Junk Day which is scheduled for May 2, 2020 has been officially canceled at this time. Granger will contact to reschedule in the future. An ad as well as post cards to get the word out were discussed. Motion made by John Johnson to spend up to \$600.00 to place an ad in the Pioneer and to print and mail post cards to each address in Mecosta Township, Lois Brennan 2nd. Roll Call: John Johnson – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

11. New Business –

A. Shower/Utility Room – Discussion regarding a decontamination shower and locker-room type area for fire fighters/first responders. Ideas on a location and how to proceed. Discussion will resume at later time. No decisions were reached.

B. Disc Golf – Discussion as to whether we should be closing the disc golf course and the ball field regarding COVID19. The Board agreed to leave it alone as the residents can be responsible for themselves and kids do need something to do. It has been observed by Board members that the grounds have been being used safely.

C. Building – as the department is currently closed Michele and Mary have been trying to enter permits that were received before shut down due to COVID19. Discussion as what The Board would like to see the department look like once we resume to normal business. Discussion regarding wages to be paid to Laura Bosworth upon her abrupt leaving of her position with the township. Laura “texted” her intent not to return to her position on March 18th. Motion made by Mary Quinlan to pay Laura Bosworth 3 days pay for the dates of March 16, 17, 18. This will be her final pay from the Township, John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

D. Assessing Class – Assessor Michele Graham asked to attend the next class in the series of classes working toward her level 3 assessing

license. Motion made by James Cain to spend \$250.00 for the next class Michele needs to attend, Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call: James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

E. Hall Rental Refund & 2021 Schedule – refund to Timmy Yarrington for cancelation of hall rental due to COVID19. The Board also agreed to monitor the COVID19 developments to determine when it will be safe to allow rentals for the hall again. Motion made by Lois Brennan to refund \$200.00 for rental deposits, John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call Lois Brennan -yes, John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

12. Brief Public Comment – Mike Fish spoke regarding pothole maintenance during the COVID19 crisis. Michele Graham will call to speak with Road Commission.

13. Announcements/Correspondence – none

14. Adjournment – Motion made by John Johnson to adjourn at 6:35pm., James Cain 2nd. Motion carried.

Lois Brennan
Clerk Mecosta Township