

Mecosta Township

Regular meeting

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

April 11, 2018/ approved minutes

Prepared by: Lois Brennan, Mecosta Township Clerk

1. Supervisor Michele Graham, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** – John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan-present. James Cain-absent.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to accept agenda. John Johnson 2nd. All – aye. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – motion made by John Johnson to accept minutes as written. Mary Quinlan 2nd.
6. **Treasurers Report** – Treasurers report was accepted as presented and entered into official record.
7. **Approval to Pay Bills & Payroll** - Motion by Mary Quinlan to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$20,954.89. John Johnson 2nd. Roll call – Quinlan – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan - yes. Motion carried.
8. **Brief Public Comment** – None.
9. **Reports** –
 - A. **County Commissioner Report** – Per Tom O’Neil, Park Commission wants to put a millage on the ballot. Road tax payments, estimated for July to start receiving payments.
 - B. **Assessors/Supervisors Report** – Michele will start attending MCRC meetings again. Assessment roll has been rolled so we are officially in the 2019 taxing year. Assessors program updates have not come through yet. Supervisors report- continuing to work on junk complaints, possible court action with one that is non-compliant.
 - C. **Cemetery** – Nothing new. Next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2018 7:00pm, meeting held at Mecosta Austin Fire Department located on 8 Mile Rd. in Stanwood.

- D. **Budget** – everything looks as it should, nothing new.
- E. **Planning Commission** – approval of Mary’s home to be replaced contingent on ZBA hearing.

10. New Business –

- A. **Mecosta County Development** – tabled until May’s meeting.
- B. **Junk Day** – first Saturday in May, we had problems with scrap metal last year. R&R will be bringing a larger dumpster for scrap metal this year. Granger can provide three packer trucks with a fourth after 10:00am.
- C. **Dust Control** – Motion made by John Johnson to contract MCRC for dust control in the amount of \$4400.00. Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
- D. **Rental Refund** – Kandy White issued a letter dated 4-14-2018, that she is no longer in need of renting the hall and would like a refund of her deposit. Motion made by John Johnson to refund \$100.00 for hall rental deposit. Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
- E. **Lot Combine Charge** – Tabled until May’s meeting.
- F. **Board of Review** – Norman Strickler turned in his letter of resignation, Supervisor Graham read it into record. We as Mecosta Township Board would like to thank Norm for his many years of service and wish him all the best for the future. We will be looking for a new member.
- G. **Facebook Page** – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to create a Mecosta Township Facebook page. John Johnson 2nd. All aye – motion carried.
- H. **Fire Millage** – Motion made by Mary Quinlan in the form of Resolution 2018-004 to levy a millage on the August 2018 ballot for the fire department. .5 mills for operational purposes, .75mills for acquisition of vehicles and buildings, and terminate the \$500.00 fee charged for fire runs. John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call Quinlan – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes. Motion carried.

11. **Unfinished Business** -

A. Fire Department – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to accept 6-month budget presented for fire department. John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call Quinlan – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes. Motion carried. Motion made by John Johnson to pay Dinges bills for items needed for fire department outside of utilities up to the amount of \$1000.00. Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes.

Motion made by Lois Brennan for Mecosta Township to contribute \$7500.00 to Fire Department Budget. Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call Brennan – yes, Quinlan – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham – yes. Motion carried.

11. Brief Public Comment – Aaron Pierre, President of the Village of Stanwood, urges the Mecosta Township Board members to issue a letter to residents of Mecosta Township regarding the fire department and what is and will be happening.

12. Announcements/Correspondences – MCRC meeting for APRIL 26, 2018 is CANCELED.

13. Adjournment - Motion by John Johnson to adjourn meeting at 7:18pm. Lois Brennan 2nd. Meeting was adjourned by Michele Graham at 7:18pm.