

## ***SPECIAL MEETING***

### **Mecosta Township Board**

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

March 28, 2018/ unapproved minutes

Prepared by: Lois Brennan, Mecosta Township Clerk

1. Supervisor Michele Graham, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** – John Johnson, James Cain, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan, present. Mary Quinlan - Absent.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion made by John Johnson to accept agenda James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. All – aye. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment** – None heard.
6. **New Business**
  - A. **Zoning administrator contract.** – Everything is the same as last year. Motion made by James Cain to accept the zoning administrators contract from last year. John Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call James Cain – yes, John Johnson – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
7. **Old Business**
  - A. **Mecosta/Austin Township Fire Agreement** – Austin Townships statement was read into record. Mecosta Townships statement and a time line of recent events regarding the fire department was read into record. A lengthy discussion regarding extending the original contract with Austin Township to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Motion made by John Johnson, The Township Supervisor is authorized and directed to extend the term and conditions until not later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and in addition to request mediation with binding arbitration with respect to issues related to the expiration of the agreement. James

Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. No further discussion was then heard. Roll Call John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.

**8. Public Comment** - John S Boyd spoke briefly regarding concerns for the continued partnership between the two townships and the fire department. David Frye spoke briefly. Kenn Vredenburg also spoke on Austin Township Boards behalf regarding the current contract.

**9. Announcements** – None

**10. Correspondences** -

**11. Adjournment** – Motion by Lois Brennan to adjourn meeting, James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm .