

MECOSTA TOWNSHIP
19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, Mi. 49307
March 8, 2017/unapproved

1. Meeting called to order; 7:00pm
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call Johnson, Quinlan, Graham, Brennan, Cain-absent
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Johnson makes motion to accept, Quinlan 2nd, 4 yes 1 absent, motion carried.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Quinlan makes motion to accept with grammatical changes, Johnson 2nd, roll call 4-yes 1-absent. Motion carried.
6. TREASURERS REPORT: Accepted as presented by Graham and entered in to official record.
7. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS AND PAYROLL: Johnson makes motion to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$17,197.53, Quinlan 2nd. Roll call 4 yes 1 absent. Motion carried.
8. Brief Public Comment: -None
 - a. Retirement Plan- When Fath requested to become representative, he was denied. The Board is currently searching other avenues. Mary is to keep us updated.
 - b. West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition. John Morrison spoke to the matter of the paving of the White Pine Trail, they are working with the DNR to accomplish this through grants and monies they have already acquired. We were also given a copy of Michigan Trails magazine. Mr. Morrison asked for a resolution of support from our Board to have the White Pine Trail paved. Mecosta Township is not expected to provide any financial support. Johnson makes motion to adopt Resolution number 2017-002 in support from our Township to have the White Pine Trail Paved. Quinlan 2nd. Roll call 4-yes 1-absent Motion carried.
9. REPORTS:
 - a. County Commissioner Report- Tom O'Neil, will be middle of next year before any monies from the gas tax will be dispersed towards the roads.
 - b. Assessors/Supervisors Report- Michele Graham, assessing roll is now closed. Central Michigan Fire inspected fire alarms at Township hall, all work, but are due to be replaced.
 - c. Fire Dept. Budget meeting and regular meeting will be the end of March.
 - d. Cemetery- meeting is next month in April.
 - e. Budget \$158,960.00 was to be added to budgeted Use of Funds Balance, as agreed upon last year, line item was dropped from this year's budget, amount will be added to department 101-000-698. Also, need to move \$1000.00 from contingency into the township budget. Quinlan makes motion to move funds from account 101-000-989 to account 101-103-703. Johnson 2nd. Roll call 4 yes 1 absent, motion carried.
 - f. Planning commission- Michele- per Howard Bowersox would like to start working on the master plan and gather ideas on how to get residence involved.
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. 2017-2018 Budget: Michele discussed a few changes to the budget and reasons for said changes. In all the Township is doing well.
 - b. Zoning Administrator/Building Department Clerk Contract: Gladys did receive the cost of living increase. Yearly contract signed by all members with no changes from prior year.
 - c. Fire Department Rescue Equipment/Training: Fire Department was given a \$5000.00 grant (cannot disclose from whom now). It is proposed by Michele Graham, that we use the

money we have from the Fire Truck that sold to buy rescue equipment needed for the Michigan's Dragon on Hardy Dam. This is proposed without Austin Townships help as the Trail is only in our Township. Quinlan makes motion to spend up to \$8,000.00 to purchase Level Rope Rescue Inventory. Brennan 2nd. Roll Call 4-yes 1-absent.

- d. Zoning Ordinance #2017-001: Quinlan makes motions to accept new ordinance as written. Johnson 2nd. Roll call 4-yes 1-absent. Motion carried.
- e. 2017 Roads: The Board is still in discussion as to evaluating which roads are at critical repair and will be on the agenda to be done this year. The Board is focusing on local roads, not primary roads which are maintained by the county.
- f. Maintenance Position: The Board is currently accepting applications to fill the maintenance position with the township. Duties would include, lawn care at the hall, and the cemetery as well as Ulrich Park. Would also include light repair work where needed within the Township. Listing is available at Michigan Works. Will be running an ad in the Pioneer.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MCRC Dust Control: Mecosta Township has 23 miles of gravel roads in our Township. It is \$100.00 per mile for brining. Johnson makes motion that we purchase dust control for \$4,600.00 for two applications with one free application, Brennan 2nd. Roll call 4-yes 1-absent. Motion carried.
- b. Library Service Contract: Walton Erickson Library located in Morley is asking for renewal of Mecosta Township's support contract for upkeep of the library. Johnson makes a motion to continue The Townships support of the Library in the amount of \$2500.00, Quinlan 2nd. Roll call 4-yes 1-absent. Motion carried.
- c. Fairview Cemetery: Johnson makes motion to continue the contract with the cemetery in the amount of \$500.00, Quinlan 2nd. Roll call 4-yes 1-absent. Motion carried.
- d. Mecosta County Historical Museum: Johnson makes a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Museum for maintenance and upkeep. Brennan 2nd. Roll call 4-yes 1-absent.

12. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Norwich Township sent notice required by Michigan Law that they are revising their master plan.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Johnson makes motion to adjourn at 8:04. Quinlan 2nd. Motion carried.