

Mecosta Township

19729 11 Mile Rd., Big Rapids, MI. 49307

February 8, 2017 / unapproved

1. Meeting called to order; 7:00pm
2. Pledge to the flag
3. Roll call
John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, James Cain – absent, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan
4. Approval of the Agenda : moved retirement account discussion up, and also need Lois Brennan to make a statement as to hiring her Deputy. Motion to Approve by Quinlan with changes, 2nd by Johnson.
Approved- 4 Absent-1
5. Retirement Account for Board Members, to be moved to Lerner, Csernai, and Fath. Bradley Fath is in attendance. Motion to change our retirement representative to Brad Fath made by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan. Motion carried.

Roll call 4- approved 1-absent

6. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as written by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan.
7. Treasurer's Report: report accepted as given and entered in the official record.
8. Approval to pay Bills and Payroll: motion to pay bills in the amount of \$21,054.86 by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan. Roll call Johnson, Quinlan, Graham, Brennan.
9. Brief Public Comment - Liaison for Senator Judy Emmons, Rick Outman, introduced himself.
10. REPORTS
 - A. County Commissioner Report – nothing new to report.
 - B. Assessors/Supervisors Report- Tax assessments are finished and in the final stage or preparation before mailing. Office is steadily plugging away and quiet.
 - C. Fire Dept.- Sold the Firetruck for 15,000.00 half to be split with Austin Township.
 - D. Cemetery- Nothing New, first meeting will be in April.
 - E. Budget- Motion made by Graham to move \$1000.00 from Junk fund 101-428-818 to Board Contracted Services 101-103-818. 2nd by Quinlan. Roll Call – Johnson, Quinlan, Graham, Brennan. Motion carried. 4- Approved 1-Absent
 - F. Planning Commission: Resignation letter from Mary Withers do to work schedule changing. We are in the process to find another member to join the Planning Commission. Also, was presented with Annual Report from the Planning Commission.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 2017-2018 wage review resolution. Wage resolution will be Resolution 2017001, Motion made by Johnson to accept wage resolution with minor changes to Trustees pay. 2nd by Brennan. Roll call Johnson, quinlan, graham, Brennan. Motion carried 4- Approved 1- Absent
 - 1. 2017-2018 Budget Settlement Date set for March 30, 2017 at 6:00 pm.
 - B. 2017 Roads- budget is 100,000.00 gathering information on which roads need the most attention.
 - C. 185th and 8-mile road caution light is still in progress estimate is \$4,500.00 for total cost. Board in agreement to continue forward with estimate given. Motion made by Johnson to spend \$4,500.00 to have light installed, 2nd by Quinlan. Motion carried. Roll Call Johnson, Quinlan, Graham, Brennan. Money to come out of Street budget.
 - D. Maintenance Position- still looking for viable applicant. Graham to put ad in the paper beginning of March.
 - E. Clerk Appointed/hired LeAnne Young as her Deputy Clerk.
12. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Fire Equipment- Grants for new rescue equipment.
 - B. Ulrich Park-proposed to have a Porta Potty rather than an outhouse as cleaning is a serious issue. Four Seasons already provides a porta potty at the township hall. Pricing to be reported next month.
13. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT-none
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE- Quinlan asks about Baird, Cotter and Bishop Bill that needs to be added to bills. Quinlan makes motion to add bill to pay list. 2nd by Johnson. Roll call Johnson, Quinlan, Graham, Brennan. Motion carried.
15. ADJOURNMENT Motion by Johnson to adjourn at 7:45pm. 2nd by Brennan. All in favor.