

SPECIAL MEETING

Mecosta Township Board

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

September 24, 2018/ unapproved minutes

Prepared by: Lois Brennan, Mecosta Township Clerk

1. Supervisor Michele Graham, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** –, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan, Mary Quinlan, James Cain - present. John Johnson - Absent.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion made by James Cain to accept agenda Lois Brennan 2nd. All – aye. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment** – None heard.
6. **New Business-**
 - A. **Mecosta/Austin Dissolution of Joint Fire Department** – John Johnson issued a statement to the Board that was read into record. Austin Townships attorney sent a tentative dissolution agreement to be reviewed by Mecosta Township Board. After reading and discussing the agreement a motion was made by James Cain to approve the agreement excluding section 3 number 5, which calls for a separation of First Responder funds to be split between the two townships. Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call: James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
 - B. **Bill of Sale** – Motion made by James Cain to accept Bill of Sale as written and presented and giving Michele Graham and Lois Brennan permission to act as agents of the Board to sign all documents relating to the dissolution of the jointly owned fire department/first responders. Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call: James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
 - C. **Quit Claim Deed** – standard and agreeable.

D. Resolution Hire Firefighters & Officers - Motion in the form of Resolution 2018-007 made by James Cain, Mecosta Township Board approves keeping all existing officers, firemen and first responders to include 3 new firemen approved at the September 24th regular Board meeting and their wages as currently set. Lois Brennan 2nd. Roll Call: James Cain – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes.

E. Fire Department Ordinance – Township attorney Mr. James Scales provided and ordinance outline for Mecosta Township Board to adopt regarding Mecosta Township Fire & Rescue. Motion made by Lois Brennan to adopt Ordinance 2018-1 to establish the Mecosta Township Fire Department; and repeal any parts or portions of ordinances inconsistent herewith. James Cain 2nd. Roll Call: Lois Brennan – yes, James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

F. Village of Stanwood Fire Service Agreement – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to enter into agreement with the Village of Stanwood under the newly formed Mecosta Township Fire Department. Mecosta Township is to continue providing Fire and Rescue coverage as in the past. Michele Graham, Mecosta Township Supervisor, is granted permission to be acting agent on behalf of the Board to sign the agreement. James Cain 2nd. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.

7. Old Business - None heard

8. Announcements - none

9. Correspondence - none

10. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.