

## Mecosta Township

### Regular meeting

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

September 12, 2018/ un-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. James Cain. All present.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion made by James Cain to accept agenda as presented. John Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All – aye. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion made by James Cain to accept minutes, with corrections. Mary Quinlan 2<sup>nd</sup>. All – aye. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurers Report** – Treasurers report was accepted as presented and entered into official record.
7. **Approval to Pay Bills & Payroll** - Motion made by Mary Quinlan to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$37,184.07. James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call: John Johnson – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, James Cain – yes. Motion carried.
8. **Brief Public Comment** – none heard
9. **Reports** –
  - A. County Commissioner Report** – per Tom O’Neil, nothing new to report currently.
  - B. Assessors/Supervisors Report** – Assessors report Michele began working on Land Tables this week, we have had an immense amount of sales, so she is only about half way through. Supervisors report: One junk complaint that is almost completely cleaned up, he does not have a title for a boat that is not trailered, and he is having some trouble acquiring that, Michele is working with him while he is trying to comply with all necessary cleanup efforts.

**C. Cemetery** – nothing new. Meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2018.

**D. Budget** – everything looks as it should.

**10. Unfinished Business –**

**A. Fire Department**- Chief Ron Palmer was in attendance to update the Board. Incident reports were presented to each member to see the calls that the department ran for the past few months and the year. Tyler Seaman and Samantha Spring have applied to the fire department, pending their back-ground checks they may be hired. Both come to the department with all current required training completed. If the two applicants are approved, turn out gear will need to be purchased for them at an approximate cost of \$5,000.00 total. Currently we are at 18 fire fighters pending applicants hiring, this will bring us to 20. 12 of the 18 are also First Responders.

Chief Palmer presented the Board with quotes that was asked of him during last month's meeting, involving equipment updates pending the name change of the fire department. Quotes came in around the \$8,000.00 amount which would include uniforms, and the vinyl lettering on the trucks. Designs by Loni from Big Rapids would like to donate labor costs for applying the new vinyl to the fire department vehicles. Motion by John Johnson to spend up to \$8,500.00 for updates to uniforms and trucks. Lois Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call – John Johnson – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

Tender 2 the freightliner truck has an estimated quote at \$1,500.00 to repair the gear case pump, if we take the pump out for them. It may cost more once they are able to look at it. Estimated quote does not include price increase on parts or shipping.

The siren on Engine 2 has been repaired, the siren on Tender 2 has been repaired, Tender 1 had 4 marker lights repaired, and the light on the bumper of Engine 2 has been repaired. All is recorded in maintenance logs at the fire department. The fleet is in good shape.

There is a need to reinstate our fire programs this is an annual renewal. The renewal is less than \$1,000.00.

There has been a counter offer from Austin Township regarding the purchasing of Austin's interest in the jointly owned Fire Department. The counter offer is \$470,000.00. The counter offer includes a \$39,000.00 quote for the possible sale of the departments land to Ice Mountain/Nestle Water. There has been no discussion or any offer from Ice Mountain/Nestle Water for purchase of the land the Fire Department is currently located on. Mecosta Township Board agreed this is an unsubstantiated rumor and has decided to deduct the \$39,000.00 for the Austin Township proposal. Regarding the equipment, the trucks, and the physical property (land and building) all members agree with Austin's proposed value. After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Mary Quinlan to offer Austin Township \$431,000.00 for all real estate and inventory for the fire department. James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, James Cain – yes, John Johnson – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried. Michele is to contact Mecosta Townships attorney with new proposal amount.

Mecosta Township is looking to settle the purchasing of Austin Township's interest in the Fire Department as quickly as possible in the best interest of both Townships. Motion made by Lois Brennan to allow Mary Quinlan to act on Mecosta Township's behalf to secure and act as signer with Supervisor Michele Graham being a co-signer, a loan in the amount of \$230,000.00. James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Lois Brennan – yes, James Cain – yes, John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

**B. District 10 Health Department** - Health Department representative did not make it to the meeting.

**C. Planning Commission-** James was unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting, however an outlined Recreational plan was presented to all members of the Board for review from the Planning Commission. Board members have been instructed to read the plan with the proposed changes and be ready to discuss at next months meeting.

**D. Board of Review** – Motion in the form of resolution 2018-006 made by Mary Quinlan to change December Board of Review meeting date from December 11 to December 12, 2018 at 3:00pm. Lois Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

## **11. New Business –**

**A. Board of Review** - Michele is still looking for two Board of Review members. Anyone with interest should contact Michele during business hours at the Township Hall.

**B. Charter Communications Franchise** –The yearly renewal of the Charter Communication agreement is due, discussion over raising the percentage from 2%. Motion made by James Cain for Michele Graham to sign to renew the agreement maintaining the 2% fee as it has been. John Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: James Cain – yes, John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes. Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes.

**C. Hall Rental Refund** - Charity Archer from Fire AA Group, has requested in writing a refund of the \$100.00 hall rental deposit fee, and the \$75.00 rental fee, sighting that due to popularity of their guest speaker our venue will not be able to adequately accommodate all guests that wish to attend. Motion made by John Johnson to refund the full \$100.00 deposit and the \$75.00 rental fee to Charity Archer, Lois Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: John Johnson – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

**12. Brief Public Comment** – none heard.

**13. Announcements/Correspondences** – Walton Erickson Library Board, with Deerfield Township are co-sponsoring an Abuse Awareness program at the Deerfield Township Hall, the event is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. A request for a representative of our township was made. Lois Brennan has agreed to attend the program.

**14. Adjournment** - Motion by John Johnson to adjourn meeting at 6:58pm. James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting was adjourned by Michele Graham at 6:58pm.