

## ***SPECIAL MEETING***

### **Mecosta Township Board**

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

September 4, 2018/ unapproved minutes

Prepared by: Lois Brennan, Mecosta Township Clerk

1. Supervisor Michele Graham called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call**- Michele Graham, James Cain, Mary Quinlan, John Johnson, Lois Brennan – all present.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**- Motion made by James Cain to approve the agenda as presented. John Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment** – None heard.
6. **New Business**- No new business.
7. **Old Business** –
  - A. **Mecosta/Austin Township Fire Offer** – A counter offer was extended to Austin Township on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> through Township Attorneys. It was asked to have a response within a 48-hour time frame for both townships to proceed with the dissolution of the currently jointly owned Mecosta/Austin Township Fire Department. The contract between the two Townships is set to expire September 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight. To date, there has not been a response. Motion by Mary Quinlan, to give Austin Township until 12:00pm September 5<sup>th</sup> to accept or counter-offer Mecosta Townships bid of \$375,000.00 to purchase half of the equity in the Mecosta-Austin Fire Department, failure to either accept or counter offer will result in Mecosta Township proceeding to petition the courts to order arbitration to dissolve the fire department. John Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call – Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
  - B. **Name of New Fire Department** – With the separation of the Townships, it is required that the Fire Department be renamed, the new name is to go into effect as of 12:01am October 1, 2018. Motion by John Johnson to

change the name of Mecosta-Austin Township Fire Department to Mecosta Township Fire & Rescue. James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.

8. **Announcements** – none

9. **Correspondence** – none

10. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned 4:45pm.