

Mecosta Township

19729 11 Mile Rd., Big Rapids MI 49307

May 10, 2017/unapproved minutes

1. Supervisor, Michele Graham, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** - John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, James Cain, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan. All present.
4. **Approval of Agenda**- Motion to accept agenda with addition of “Administrative Fees” to new business, moved by Mary Quinlan, supported by James Cain. Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes**- Motion to accept April 12th minutes as written made by Mary Quinlan, supported by John Johnson. Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurers Report**- Treasurers report accepted as given and entered into official record.
7. **Approval to pay Bills and Payroll**- Motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$17,420.42 made by John Johnson, supported by James Cain. Roll Call John Johnson-yes, James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.
8. **Brief Public Comment** – Linda Bolton addressed The Board as a follow up to last month’s meeting regarding decision on the roads to be paved in our Township.
9. **Reports**
 - A. **County Commissioner Report** – Reith & Riley will be doing the road construction in our area this year, as they came in with the lower bid for materials. Morgue authority is reporting interest by two more counties in using our facilities for autopsies. Morgue may have to hire a full-time pathologist. It looks very promising, reports Tom O’Neil.
 - B. **Supervisor/Assessors Report** – Junk Day was a success there was one full dumpster of just scrap metal. Michele Graham will be searching out a new company to work with for salvage, as the current company did disappoint. There were 3 ½ packer trucks filled this year.
 - C. **Fire Department** – meeting May 17th. The washer is in but has not been programmed yet. Dryers are not there yet.
 - D. **Cemetery** – Michele Graham and Lois Brennan did attend Aprils meeting. No new developments.
 - E. **Budget** – delinquent taxes are up but all else looks fine.
 - F. **Planning Commission** – approval for garage to be built on Gregory Lane. Looking to design a new website, and a Facebook page to get more information out to residents. Michele Graham states that will be a Board decision.
10. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **2017 Roads** - quotes came back from the county and are as follows.
 1. 11Mile Rd, 230th to County Line \$141,714.16

2. 11 Mile Rd & 187th, 185th – end of 187th \$165,586.74 (County is willing to split this cost 50/50 with the Township)
3. Lincoln Rd, Northland Dr. then 525' East \$7,012.81
4. Tanglewood, Tanglewood & Heights Circle Dr. \$75,250.86

All roads were discussed at great length amongst The Board members, it was decided that Tanglewood & Heights Circle Dr. would not be done now, with the condition of the other roads being much worse. Motion made to amend and approve the road budget to \$231,600.00 James Cain, supported by John Johnson. Roll call James Cain – yes, John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes, Lois Brennan – yes. Motion carried.

- B. **Foam Billing** – Mecosta/Austin Fire Department is asking for us to amend billing to include specialized foam used for fires, as the cost is very expensive. John Johnson, suggested this should be handled first by The Fire Board and then brought to The Township Board.
- C. **Credit/debit card tax payments** – still gathering information.

11. **New Business** –

- A. **Recycling** – Muskegon River Water Shed has worked out a price of \$100.00 a month for recycling. However, as this is a service that not many take advantage of it is not efficient to continue the program with recycling in Big Rapids.
- B. **New Board of Review Member** – David Puffer has expressed interest in taking Ron Bongards place on the Board of Review, as Ron would like to retire. Motion to appoint David Puffer to the Board of Review was made by Mary Quinlan, seconded by James Cain. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. **Administrative fee** – The county asks every year if we will charge an Administrative Fee to offset expenses of our billing of taxes and assessing. We do not currently charge a fee. The Board agreed to keep with our current practice and not charge an administrative fee to our residents.

12. **Brief Public Comment** – None.

13. **Announcements/ Correspondence** – The Board was sent a letter of thanks from the Mecosta County Historical Society for the donation aiding in the building of a handicap ramp. The Board all agrees that it looks very nice.

14. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Submitted by: Lois Brennan

Clerk