

Mecosta Township

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

January 11, 2017 / Approved

- 1. Meeting called to order; 7:00 p.m**
- 2. Pledge to the flag**
- 3. Roll call: John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, James Cain, Michele Graham, Lois Brennan**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda: Graham added two items to unfinished business, G. Zoning ordinance H. Service Master. Motion to approve by Quinlan with additions, 2nd by Johnson.**

Approved – 5 Unapproved – 0 motion carried

- 5. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December 13th Minutes with changes by Quinlan, 2nd by Cain.**

Approved – 5 Unapproved – 0 motion carried

- 6. Treasurer's Report: report accepted as given and entered in the official record.**
- 7. Approval to pay Bills and Payroll: Motion to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$20,776.88 by Quinlan, 2nd by Cain.**

Roll Call: Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes, Cain – yes, Brennan – yes. Motion carried.

- 8. Brief public comment: NONE**

9. REPORTS

- A. County Commissioner Report: nothing new to report**
- B. Assessors/Supervisor Report: nothing new.**
- C. Fire Department: Fire Meeting Wed. Jan. 18th, Joint fire meeting Thursday, Jan. 19th with Austin Township. Both meetings will be held at 7:00pm at the fire station.**
- D. Cemetery: nothing new to report**
- E. Budget: No changes, will see some change as of March, once taxes start coming in.**
- F. Planning Commission: Nothing new to report, will discuss ordinance change later in meeting.**

10. Unfinished Business

- A. Retirement Accounts: Bradley Fath of Lerner, Csernai, Fath Financial Group, presented Board Member's with information on their company. Board members are looking to change current consulting firm to local business rather than from Kalamazoo. Bradley is to follow up with Quinlan.**
- B. MCDC Contract: Board agrees to enter into a contract with the Mecosta County Development Corporation in the amount of \$1000.00. Motion made by Quinlan to enter contract, 2nd by Johnson.
Roll call Quinlan – yes, Johnson – yes, Cain – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes motion carried.**
- C. Fire Run: Robert Draves' bill to township is now satisfied do to work he performed for township.**

Johnson made motion to award Draves a clean slate. 2nd by Cain. Motion carried.

- D. Fire, Cemetery and Planning Commission Members:**
Quinlan to sit Fire Board, until Brennan can grasp Clerks position firmly and then will sit Fire board, Brennan added to Cemetery board with Graham and Cain is to stay on Planning Commission.
- E. 2017 Roads:** Paser testing was performed on roads and completed in December 2016.
- F. 185th & 8 Mile Rd. Light:** Graham still waiting on a phone calls to be returned, has some pricing will be investigating further.
- G. Zoning ordinance:** Planning Commission presented language changes for, tower setbacks, and Handicap accessibilities. Need okay to go to public hearing. Quinlan moved to accept changed ordinance language and proceed to public hearing, 2nd by Cain.

Roll call Quinlan – yes, Cain – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes. Motion carried. Approved – 5
Opposed – 0.

- H. Service Master:** Will continue with cleaning services from Service Master, all agree they are doing a great job.

11. New Business

- A. Clerk Classes:** Training classes needed for Brennan in Clerks position. It was agreed that \$1000.00 be spent on her continued education for the position. Quinlan made motion to spend \$1000.00 for upcoming class, 2nd by Johnson. Roll call Quinlan – yes, Johnson -yes, Cain – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes. Motion carried
- B. Supervisor Credit Limit:** Graham asked to have credit card spending limit raised to \$250.00 without seeking board

approval. Board agrees. Cain made a motion to have spending limit increased to \$250.00, 2nd by Quinlan. Roll call Cain – yes, Quinlan – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham – yes, Brennan – yes. Motion carried.

C. Wages: wage increases were discussed for Zoning Administrator as well as Treasurer and Assessor.

12. Brief Public Comment: NONE
13. Announcements/Correspondence: NONE
14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by Johnson, 2nd by Quinlan. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.