

Mecosta Township

Regular meeting

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

June 14, 2022/ 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- present. James Cain – absent.
- 4. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mary Quinlan, John Johnson 2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from May 10th regular meeting, as presented, made by John Johnson, Mary Quinlan 2nd. All aye, motion carried.
- 6. Treasurers Report:** Per Treasurer Mary Quinlan- reporting for the month of May 2022, fund balances are as follows: General fund checking \$686,521.91, First Responders: \$-1,46763, Fire-Equipment/Building (mileage account) \$134,699.94, Fire Fund-Operations \$-58,583.65. Total funds \$761,170.57. ***special note: Treasurer Quinlan would like to discuss Fire-Fund Operations with the Auditor; the fund should not read in a negative amount all the time. It does so by how information is credited/deposited through the general account. She is hoping to have this rectified. Supervisor Michele Graham accepted the report as presented and entered it into the official record.
- 7. Approval to Pay Bills & Payroll:** Report provided by Clerk Lois Brennan, motion to pay the bills and payroll in the amount of \$58,935.74 made by

Mary Quinlan, John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

8. Brief Public Comment: None heard.

9. Reports –

A. County Commissioner Report: Per Commissioner Tom O’Neil- Mr. O’Neil was absent. No report given.

B. Assessors/Supervisors Report: Per Supervisor/Assessor Michele Graham- the AMAR report came back with 100%, there are no corrections to make. Michele is working on field work; she has agricultural completed.

Building Department is going smoothly.

John Fibley provided a monthly report for the Board members to review. Seven of the Eight previously contacted property owners have resolved their issues. Mr. Fibley had also contacted five more property owners, and all have cleaned their properties up. Mr. Fibley is currently working on 11 more properties; he states that he is seeing progress with them as well.

Most property owners Mr. Fibley has worked with agree that 30 days is enough time to clean up their properties, all have been accommodating and easy to work with thus far.

C. Clerk: Per Clerk Lois Brennan- preparations for the upcoming election cycle are in full swing. Applications have been printed and will be mailed out on Friday, June 18th for absentee voters. Ballots were delivered as of today.

D. Cemetery: Ladner’s Cemetery needs a new pump. Bauman’s Well service inspected the pump and informed Michele Graham that the bearings were bad. Motion made to order a new pump up to

\$1,200.00 by Lois Brennan, John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call: Lois Brennan – yes, John Johnson – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes.

There has been a request by a resident to replace the sign at Ladner's Cemetery as well. Upon inspection the sign is in very bad shape and does in fact need to be replaced. Supervisor Graham is to obtain quotes for a new sign and bring them to the July meeting.

Stanwood Cemetery is also reported as having issues with the well there. More information will follow as it is provided.

D. Budget: Per Supervisor Michele Graham- an adjustment will need to be made regarding the grants in Parks and Recreation. Roads may also need to be adjusted, discussion to take place later.

E. Planning Commission: Interim Zoning Administrator Michele Graham in the absence of Trustee James Cain- A special use hearing was held for a resident requesting a large pole barn. The project was approved.

Waiting for more information from a resident for another special use hearing.

F. Fire Department: Per Chief Ron Palmer- Supervisor Michele Graham began discussion as Chief Palmer was running a little late. Chief Palmer has expressed concern for the department members safety given two volatile situations within the past couple of weeks. It is believed that there is need for "bullet proof" vests as equipment for the trucks/safety gear for personnel. Motion made to spend up to \$3,500.00 on vest for the departments, by Mary Quinlan, John Johnson 2nd. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, John Johnson – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. The vests will take about 4-6 weeks to arrive.

- Ordered 6 New VHF Motorola XPR3500 portables 3-4 months still on backorder.

- ISO audit is in process the station portion is completed.
- Mini Pumper/Rescue demo truck is coming to the station tomorrow at 18:00 hrs.
- Tender 2 had cooling issue repaired waiting on repair invoice.
- Spartan Armor Systems protective vest discussion 4 at approx. \$3k.

1. SCBA: Still waiting to hear on the grant. Quotes are being provided on costs. West Shore is to quote. Scott Safety quoted \$169,000.00 quote is good thru December 2022 28 tanks, 18 Reg. assemblies, 14 scba rip pack.

Training Report

- Rope Rescue Training continues
- State required Foam Training for PFAS completed this is mandatory training for all firefighters.

Rescue

- Everything is operating smoothly
- Ordered supplies for rescue, rebreathers had expired but can and will be used for training purposes.
- The brakes on Rescue 1 were repaired/replaced as needed (a caliper locked up and forced repair.)

10. New Business –

A. Michigan Township Association: Annual dues are up for renewal, the price again has increased, but is based on the townships taxable value. Discussion amongst members if the township benefits from their services and if renewal should be done. Decision was made to gather more information and proceed accordingly. If warranted approval to pay the bill as needed was given.

11. Unfinished Business –

A. Roads: Supervisor Michele Graham, the County Road Commission has offered townships another \$62,500.00 that can be used this year or put towards projects next year. Discussion resulted in the Board deciding to wait to use the funds next year.

12. Brief Public Comment – none heard.

13. Announcements/Correspondences – A thank you card mailed to the township from the GFWC for use of the hall for their charity yard sale event.

14. Adjournment – Trustee John Johnson motioned for adjournment at 6:42pm, Lois Brennan 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Michele Graham.

Lois Brennan
Clerk