

**MECOSTA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**19729 11 MILE RD. BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307**  
**October 24, 2022/UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**PREPARED BY CLERK, LOIS BRENNAN**

1. **CALL Meeting to Order:** Supervisor, Michele Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
3. **Roll Call:** James Cain, Mary Quinlan, Lois Brennan, Michele Graham – present, John Johnson – absent.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion made to approve the agenda as presented by Mary Quinlan, James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. All aye, motion carried.
5. **Public Comment:** none heard.
6. **New Business:**
  - A. **Fire Chief Interviews:** Panel questions were presented by board members to three candidates for the fire Chief Position. The candidates were asked 12 questions which each answered. The Board members were presented with letters of intent, resumes and certifications from two candidates. The candidates were Kyle Vredenburg, Anthony Peacock, and Samantha Luce. After question-and-answer portion a motion was made to enter closed session by Lois Brennan, James Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>. All aye Motion carried.  
**Closed session: 6:00pm-6:10pm,** returning from closed session, the Board spoke with the candidates expressing their gratitude to the candidates and explaining that this was a tough decision to make. All candidates interviewed very well.

Motion made to appoint Anthony Peacock as the new Chief of the Mecosta Township Fire & Rescue, by James Cain, Mary Quinlan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

**B. Township Trustee:** Since the retirement of Trustee John Johnson there has been interest by only one person to take his place and that is Ron Palmer. Discussion with Ron confirmed his interest to help the board out, but he is unsure if he would seek election in 2024 for the position. Motion to appoint Ron Palmer to the vacant Trustee position with the Township Board effective November 1, 2022 by James Cain, Mary Quinlan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call: James Cain – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

7. **Brief Public Comment:** none heard.

8. **Announcements/correspondence:** nothing heard.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn at 6:21pm by Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Supervisor Graham.

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**Lois Brennan, Clerk  
Mecosta Township**