

Mecosta Township

Regular meeting

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

August 2, 2023/ 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: –Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham, Tyler Huntley, Lois Brennan-present. James Cain – absent.**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Mary Quinlan, Lois Brennan 2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.**
- 5. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from July2023, made by Mary Quinlan, Tyler Huntley 2nd. All aye, motion carried.**
- 6. Treasurers Report: Per Treasurer Mary Quinlan- reporting for the month of July 2023, fund balances are as follows: General fund checking \$654,666.21, Isabella bank CD \$127,030.61, First Responders: \$5,002.89, Fire-Equipment/Building (mileage account) \$159,061.14, Fire Fund-Operations \$5,070.67. Total funds \$950,831.52.**
- 7. Approval to Pay Bills & Payroll: Report provided by Clerk Lois Brennan, motion to pay the bills and payroll in the amount of \$20,596.77 made by Tyler Huntley, Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call: Tyler Huntley, - yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.**
- 8. Brief Public Comment: unidentified residents had some complaints regarding a neighboring property to theirs. Code Enforcement Officer will**

be notified and sent out to assess and work with the residents to clean up their property.

9. Reports –

A. County Commissioner Report: Per Commissioner Tom O’Neil- no report given.

B. Assessors/Supervisors Report: Per Supervisor/Assessor Michele Graham- nothing new to report. All is going well.

C. Clerk: Per Clerk Lois Brennan- nothing new to report. Election prep. Continues.

D. Cemetery: an email provided from Supervisor Kenn Vredenburg of Austin Township included a quote from Jim Bauman to replace the cemetery pump at the Stanwood Cemetery for \$1,200.00. Austin Township will bill Mecosta Township for their portion of the well pump replacement.

D. Budget: Per Supervisor Michele Graham- everything looks as it should.

E. Planning Commission: Zoning Administrator Michele Graham – still working on action steps and goals for the Master Plan, there are 5 so far from the old plan. Michele will check with Mr. Scales the township attorney to see if they are ready and will set a hearing. Perhaps in October.

F. Fire Department: Per Chief Anthony Peacock - 26 total calls, 24 medicals, 2 fire. Updates : There is a large underground water tank in the Village of Stanwood. The tank had been installed in the 50’s as a water source for the Stanwood Fire Department. Currently Mecosta Township Fire was able to gain access to the tank. The Village of Stanwood is going to look into the size of the tank and to

see if it is still serviceable to maintain a water source for the department.

Lt. Luce applied for the State of MI – Treasury Grant. Notification on approval should come later this month.

First Responder Appreciation Day. Saturday, August 12th at the Mecosta County Fair Grounds. The Area 5 Special Olympics Fire Truck Fundraiser will be taking place there. Derby races start at 5pm.

Social Media, Lt. Luce has created and started the departments Facebook page.

Equipment: Grass Rig 1 had its mobile base radio installed.

Reporting Software: Continued research on reporting systems to replace the currently used software that will be non-complaint for reporting in Jan 2024.

Rescue

- Bi-Monthly reporting was submitted to the EMS director for run disbursement. Bi-Annual allotment and bi-monthly disbursement were approved at the Chief's meeting last month.

Training

- Operational check on all apparatus and placing 4 water can extinguishers into service.
- Relay pumping and drafting training using the engines and boat operations.
- Ropes Team members met and worked on equipment inspections, haul systems, rigging and anchor points. Rope Refresher class has been officially scheduled for September 23rd.

****special note:** Firefighter Malachi Cubitt has passed his written firefight 1 & 2 exam. He is now a State of Michigan Certified Firefighter.

Turn out gear that had been priorly approved but back ordered has arrived and needs approval within this budget year in the amount of \$6,205.84. A quote was provided for tech rescue gear/flame glove/and two wildland helmets in the amount of \$1,377.79. Motion to approve turn out gear and items requested in the full amount of \$7,583.63 made by Lois Brennan, Mary Quinlan 2nd. Roll Call: Lois Brennan – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Tyler Huntley – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion carried.

10. New Business –

A. Hall Rental Deposits:

B. AT & T Metro Act Permit:

C. Audit:

D. Building Department Employment:

11. Unfinished Business –

A. Playground Equipment: Several quotes were brought for the board to review; however, this topic will be brought back, pending more information next month.

B. Sound System: Motion made to accept the quote from Quinn's music to purchase and install a new sound system by Lois Brennan, Tyler Huntley 2nd. Roll Call: Lois Brennan – yes, Tyler Hunty – yes, Mary Quinlan – yes, Michele Graham – yes. Motion passed.

12. Brief Public Comment – none heard.

13. Announcements/Correspondences – nothing currently.

14. Adjournment – Treasurer Mary Quinlan motioned for adjournment at 6:51pm, Lois Brennan 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Michele Graham.

Lois Brennan
Clerk