



Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting Mecosta Township Board of Trustees
January 9, 2024, 6 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Michele Graham
2. Pledge to The Flag
3. Roll Call: Tyler Huntley, James Cain, Mary Quinlan, Stephanie McNeal and Michele Graham were all present
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion to approve agenda by James Cain, second by Mary Quinlan. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
Motion Carried
5. Approval of the Minutes:
Motion to approve minutes by James Cain, second by Tyler Huntley. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
Motion Carried
6. Treasurers Report: Accepted as submitted.
7. Approval to Pay Bills & Payroll:
Motion to approve bills and payroll as submitted by James Cain, second by Mary Quinlan. Roll call vote: J. Cain, yes; M. Quinlan, yes; T. Huntley, yes; S. McNeal, yes; M. Graham. Motion Carried
8. Brief Public Comment: None.
9. Reports
 - A. Fire Department: Review report submitted by Fire Chief Peacock.
 - B. County Commissioner Report: Reported on the new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the County Commissioners.
 - C. Assessors/Supervisor Report: DNR is investigating the no wake issue, submitted all pre-BOR to county and has corrected mistakes; MCDC-Corewell meeting – director implementing new employee training.
 - D. Clerk: Presidential Primary election February 27, 2024.
Motion in the form of a resolution R-2024-001 to approve removing signers Susan Sikkema and Lois Brennan and add signers Stephanie McNeal and Michele Graham to Isabella Bank credit card account by James Cain, second by Mary Quinlan. Roll call vote: J. Cain, yes; M. Quinlan, yes; T. Huntley, yes; S. McNeal, yes; Michele Graham, yes. Motion Carried
Motion to approve up to \$2000 for BS&A training for clerk by James Cain, second by Mary Quinlan. Roll call vote: J. Cain, yes; M. Quinlan, yes; T. Huntley, yes; S. McNeal, yes; M. Graham, yes. Motion Carried
 - E. Cemetery: Increasing our share of revenue for the Stanwood Cemetery to \$1500. Well at Stanwood Cemetery has been repaired. Asking trustees to take a drive through the cemetery and look at the trees for recommendations for tree removal.
 - F. Budget: Supervisor provided all board of trustees with a preliminary 2024-2025 projected budget as well as proposed wage increases.
 - G. Planning Commission: Last meeting focused on event venues/wedding barns: A subcommittee was created to review how event venues fit in our master plan and zoning ordinance.

10. New Business

- A. Thursday Rentals: Resident has requested to hold weekly AA meetings on Thursdays at the township hall.
- B. Phone System: Reviewed two quotes for new phone systems.
Motion to approve new phone system from RGA not to exceed \$2400 by James Cain, second by Mary Quinlan. Roll call vote: J. Cain, yes; M. Quinlan, yes; S. McNeal, yes; T. Huntey, yes; M. Graham, yes. Motion Carried
- C. Planning Commission Member:
Motion to approve Ken Draves to Mecosta Township Planning Commission by J. Cain, second by M. Quinlan. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried
- D. 2024-2025 Budget/Wages: Reviewed proposed 2024-2025 project budget submitted by Supervisor Michele Graham.
- E. Private Road Signs: Mecosta County Road Commission no longer makes private road signs.
- F. The Peaks Event Center LLC, Liquor License:
Motion to approve in the form of a resolution R-2024-002 to approve a Class C Liquor License for The Peaks Event Center LLC by Mary Quinlan, second by James Cain. Roll call vote: M. Quinlan, yes; J. Cain, yes; T. Huntey, abstain; S. McNeal, yes; M. Graham, yes. Motion Carried
- G. 2024 Poverty Guidelines and Asset Test:
Motion to approve in the form of resolution R-2024-003 2024 Poverty Tax Exemption Guidelines by James Cain, second by Mary Quinlan. Roll call vote: J. Cain, yes; M. Quinlan, yes; T. Huntey, yes; S. McNeal, yes; M. Graham, yes. Motion Carried

11. Unfinished Business

- A. Dust Control:
Motion to approve three applications of dust control for 2024 of 22 miles at \$150 per mile by Mary Quinlan, second by James Cain. Roll call vote: M. Quinlan, yes; J. Cain, yes; T. Huntey, yes; S. McNeal, yes; M. Graham, yes. Motion Carried

12. Public Comment: None.

13. Announcements/Correspondence: None

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by James Cain, second by Tyler Huntey. 5 ayes, 0 nays
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments shall be limited to three minutes. Anyone wishing to address the Board, shall first identify themselves for the record. All comments shall be addressed to the Supervisor/Chairman. Comments of a repetitious, or argumentative nature will not be allowed.