



**Unapproved Minutes**  
**Mecosta Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
October 8, 2024, 6 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Michele Graham.
2. Pledge to The Flag by all.
3. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan, Stephanie McNeal, Tyler Huntley, James Cain, and Michele Graham were all present. 20 public citizens were present.
4. Motion to approve agenda by J. Cain, second by M. Quinlan. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
5. Motion to approve minutes from regular meeting September 10, 2024, by J. Cain, second by T. Huntley. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
6. Motion to approve Election Commission Committee Minutes October 2, 2024, by M. Quinlan, second by S. McNeal. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
7. Treasurers Report submitted by Treasurer Mary Quinlan. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-009 for Township to Invest Funds into a Repurchase Sweep by J. Cain, second by M. Quinlan. Roll call vote: Cain, yes; Quinlan, yes; Huntley, yes; McNeal, yes; Graham, yes. Motion Carried.
8. Motion to approve payment of bills, payroll and payroll taxes in the amount of \$133,545.96 by J. Cain, second by M. Quinlan. Roll call vote: J. Cain, yes; M. Quinlan, yes; Huntley, yes; McNeal, yes; Graham, yes. Motion Carried.
9. Brief Public Comment: M. Graham read a letter aloud submitted by Patricia Langworthy. Mike Fish commented on the status of the fire hydrant located at the boat ramp. He added that there has been no maintenance on that boat ramp in the last 15 years.
10. Reports:
  - A. Clear Water Lake Management – Weed/Algae Control: Mark Harrison and Kyle Tanner from Clear Water Lake Management spoke. They have been in business 19 years. Applied two treatments to kill the milfoil and weeds. Going forward they plan on doing three treatments. Cannot treat until the weeds and milfoil are visible. They have forms for individuals to sign up to have the treatments done. He can send a sign-up form to the township offices for people to sign up here.
  - B. Fire Department: See attached report. Kyle Vredenburg addressed the board with information about the purchase of a new Pumper-Tanker. Motion to purchase Pumper Tanker from Spencer manufacturing for \$614,952 per drawing and specifications submitted October 8, 2024, by Kyle Vredenburg, by S. McNeal, second by J. Cain. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Cain, yes; Huntley, no; Quinlan, yes; Graham, yes. Motion Carried.
  - C. County Commissioner: No report.
  - D. Assessors/Supervisor Report: Precise Tax Assessment would like to start November 1, 2024. Motion to approve Precise Tax Assessment beginning assessing services for Mecosta Township on November 1, 2024, by M. Quinlan, second by T. Huntley. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

- E. Clerk: Clerk McNeal reported that absentee ballots on the permanent ballot list have all been mailed out online requests for absentee ballots are being received daily. Early voting starts Saturday, October 26, 2024, at Big Rapids Township Hall. Our township will be staffing the early voting polls on Thursday, October 31, 2024.
  - F. Cemetery: The well was shut off at Ladner Cemetery.
  - G. Budget: Reviewed Revenue and Expenditure Report. Some budget amendments need to be made.
  - H. Planning Commission: Worked on Barn Venue Ordinance and made changes. It is now ready to be approved by the township board. Working on cargo container ordinance.
11. New Business:
- A. Insurance: Reviewed renewal with Ken Lind, township insurance agent.
  - B. Computers: We need two computers. One for new zoning administrator and zoning enforcement agent. Motion to approve \$2300 to purchase two new Lenovo computers complete with set up and software by M. Quinlan, second by T. Huntey. Roll call vote: Quinlan, yes; Huntey, yes; Cain, yes; McNeal, yes; Graham, yes. Motion Carried.
  - C. Storage Container Ordinance: J. Cain overviewed a proposed Cargo Container Ordinance. Motion to send cargo container ordinance to township attorney for review by S. McNeal, second by T. Huntey. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
  - D. Enforcement Officer: Discussion to combine zoning enforcement officer and zoning administrator positions.
  - E. MCDC: Discuss at next meeting.
12. Unfinished Business:
- A. Capital Improvements:
    - Bathrooms:
    - Playground:
  - B. Barn Event Venue Ordinance: Reviewed recommended ordinance from the planning commission. Motion to forward proposed barn event venues ordinance to township attorney for review by S. McNeal, second by T. Huntey. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Huntey, yes; Cain, yes; Quinlan, yes; Graham, yes. Motion Carried.
13. Public Comment: None.
14. Announcements/Correspondence: None.
15. Motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm by S. McNeal, second by J. Cain. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments shall be limited to three minutes during Public Comments. 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.