

Unapproved Minutes
Mecosta Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2025

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor John Boyd
2. Pledge to The Flag by all.
3. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan, John Boyd, James Cain and Tyler Huntey, Absent Stephanie McNeal. 3 public citizens were present, also present Nancy Sanchez Recording Secretary and Ken for Insurance review as part of the meeting.
4. Motion to approve the agenda by T. Huntey, second by J. Cain 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve minutes from regular meeting January 14, 2025, by T. Huntey, John Boyd has a correction to the January 14, 2025 minutes, the minutes stated the ordinances would go to the Mecosta County Board of Review it should have stated the ordinances would go to the Mecosta County Planning Commission for Review. Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting January 14, 2025 with correction to the ordinances section by T. Hunty, J. Cain seconded the motion 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
6. Treasurers Report submitted by Treasurer Mary Quinlan. Mary Quinlan has some questions for the Fire Department regarding coding. Fire Chief noted that Stephanie McNeil and Kyle were working on the coding. Mary will ask addition questions at the meeting with the Fire Department on February 25, 2025
7. Motion to approve payment of bills, payroll and payroll taxes in the amount of \$35,871.63 by T. Huntey, second by J. Cain. Roll call vote M. Quinlan, yes; J. Boyd, yes; J. Cain, yes; T. Huntey, yes. Motion Carried
8. Brief Public Comment: None
9. Reports:
 - A. Fire Department: See attached report.
 - B. County Commission: No report.
 - C. Supervisor Report: No report
 - D. Clerk: No report
 - E. Cemetery: John Boyd stated he talked to Kenny Vredenburg and knew of some trees down in the Cemetery that will need to be taken care of.
 - F. Budget: There are questions on the amounts in the Building and Grounds. John Boyd wants to move \$10,000 out of streets (444) to (101-000-265 Building and Grounds) and move \$5,000 out of parks & rec (708) into (101-411-000 Building). (John Boyd commented that taking a look at the coding was important, Mary Quinlan agreed and stated it was important for the coding to be consistent for auditing).

- G. Planning Commission: J. Cain updated on the Planning Commission meeting held on February 4, 2025. The Master Plan was the Planning Commission agenda item discussed. J. Cain stated not everyone at the meeting had the most current or the same documents and map. Jeff Cherron, Zoning Official will locate and provide the Planning Commission Trustees with the most current Master Plan Document and Map so that everyone is on the same page for further discussion.

10. Unfinished Business

- A. Event Venue Ordinance: The Mecosta Township Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance and stated good work and nice job, they had no further recommendations. T. Huntey, motioned to approve the Barn Venue Ordinance, second by J. Boyd. Roll call vote: M. Qunlan, yes; J. Boyd, yes; J. Cain, yes; and T. Huntey, yes; 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
- B. Storage Container Ordinance: No further recommendations from the Mecosta Township Planning Commission. T. Huntey, motioned to approve the Storage Container Ordinance, second by J. Boyd. Roll call vote: M. Qunlan, yes; J. Boyd, yes; J. Cain, yes; and T. Huntey, yes; 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
- C. 2025-2026 Wages: The Fire Department Chief wanted to have a discussion regarding hourly wages to attract applicants and the concern over the busiest time for calls being during the day. Mary Quinlan stated that changes can be made and it would be further discussed at the meeting with the Fire Department on February 25, 2025. T. Huntey moved to support the 2.9% wage increase resolution for 2025-26. Second by J. Cain, all in favor 4 ayes, 0 nays. Resolution motion carried.
- D. Zoning Administrator/Enforcement Officer Agreement: J. Boyd stated there is some discussion and confusion over the agreement with Jeff Cherron. It was decided a new agreement would be written to reflect the starting wage amount, the wage amount after certification, number of hours to be paid and reporting of work done, as well as using the township truck for Junk enforcement. T. Huntey motioned to approve a new agreement written and presented, second by J. Cain all in favor 4, ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- E. Street Light Request at the corner of 11 Mile and Riverview: A homeowner requested the Township put in and pay for a Street light. J. Boyd stated a concern of setting a precedence of other requests like these, when street lights are meant for safety at intersections. Home owners can put in lights on their own property at the owners' expense. J. Boyd motioned due to past history having street lights at intersections for safety this request does not meet that criterial. Motion to deny by J. Boyd, second by T. Huntey all in favor; 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
- F. Brine Contract and Road Improvements: T. Huntey motioned to approve the 3, brine contract at the same price, second by J. Cain all in favor 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried. T. Huntey discussed the road conditions on Front St in Stanwood. J. Boyd stated the Township is aware of the road condition and would like to see a purposed

price to for repairs before the Township would be willing to help with repairs. John also stated the township would be willing to invest but it should be a partnership with the village of Stanwood.

11. New Business:

- A. Insurance Review with Ken: Ken presented a document (attached) regarding his concerns with being under insured for the Fire Department vehicles. T, Huntey motioned to approve the increases in the insurance for all vehicles except for the 1984 grass rig, seconded by J. Cain, all in favor, 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion Carried. Ken presented a document to J. Boyd for a signature.
- B. New Computer for Zoning Administrator: T. Huntey motioned to approve \$1,200 for a new computer and set up, second by J. Cain, all in favor 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
- C. Purposed Building Department Fee Changes. M. Quinlan motioned to wait until the next board meeting to discuss the purposed changes, second by J. Boyd all in favor 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
- D. Board of Review Appointment: J. Boyd motioned to approve the appointment of Alyssa Bleeker as alternate for the Board of Review, second by T. Huntey, all in favor. 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion Carried.
- E. Hazardous Waste Agreement: T. Huntey motioned to approve \$2,200 for the Hazardous Waste Agreement, second by J. Cain, all in favor, 4 ayes and 0 nays. Motion Carried.

12. Public Comment: None

13. Board Public Comment: None

14. Announcements/Correspondence: None

15. Adjournment: T. Huntey motioned to adjourn, second by J. Cain, all in favor 4 ayes 0 nays, Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm.