



Unapproved Minutes
Mecosta Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2025, 6 pm

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, Stephanie McNeal, Tyler Huntley, James Cain, and John Boyd were all present. 19 public citizens were present.
4. Motion to approve the agenda by M. Quinlan, second by J. Cain. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
5. Motion to approve minutes from regular meeting December 10, 2024, by J. Cain, second by T. Huntley. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
6. Treasurers Report submitted by Treasurer Mary Quinlan.
7. Motion to approve payment of bills, payroll and payroll taxes in the amount of \$65,209.41 by J. Cain, second by T. Huntley. Roll call vote: J. Cain, yes; T. Huntley, yes; Quinlan, yes; McNeal, yes; Boyd, yes. Motion Carried.
8. Brief Public Comment: None.
9. Reports:
 - A. Fire Department: See attached report.
 - B. County Commissioner: No report.
 - C. Supervisor: Attended Mecosta Co Road Comm meeting this morning. Considering bids for remodeling storeroom for the assessing department.
 - D. Clerk: No report.
 - E. Cemetery: No report.
 - F. Budget: Reviewed some budget items. The first draft of 2025-26 budget will be presented at the February BOT regular meeting.
 - G. Planning Commission: J. Cain updated the activities of the Planning Commission.
10. New Business:
 - A. Fire Department:
 - American Legion of Morley raised money to donate an Aqua Eye Sonar for Mecosta Township Fire Department. The sonar was presented by Legion Commander Mike O'Neil.
 - Contract Change Order from Spencer for changes to new fire truck for the sum of \$2714. Motion to approve up to \$5000 in change orders for new fire truck build by T. Huntley, second by J. Cain. Roll call vote: Huntley, yes; Cain, yes; Quinlan, yes; McNeal, yes; Boyd, yes. Motion Carried.
 - Quote from National Hose Testing Specialties, Inc. to do hose testing. Hose testing is currently done in house by department personnel. We have approximately 7200-7500 feet of hose.
 - Motion to approve purchase of two diamond plate toolboxes in the amount of \$1900 from Elite Truck by M. Quinlan, second by T. Huntley. Roll call vote: Quinlan, yes; Huntley, yes; Cain, yes; McNeal, yes; Boyd, yes. Motion Carried.

- The supervisor discussed meetings semi-annually between the fire department and township board. Also mentioned board members attending fire department training nights on occasion. The joint meeting with the township board and fire department officers is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

B. 2025 Holidays and Meeting Dates:

Motion to approve 2025 holidays and meeting dates as submitted by J. Cain, second by M. Quinlan. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

C. Township Hall Floor Maintenance:

Motion to approve floor cleaning on a quarterly basis for \$250 by T. Huntey, second by J. Cain. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

D. Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector Wages:

There is a discrepancy between the wages of electrical and mechanical inspectors. Quinlan suggested that we make the wages for both inspectors the same. Motion to pay both Electrical and Mechanical inspectors \$66 per inspection by T. Huntey, second by J. Cain. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

E. Old Snowplow:

The old snowplow is worth about \$150 (no mount or brackets). We cannot donate it. The American Legion will purchase for \$100. Motion to approve purchase of the old snowplow for \$100 by the American Legion by T. Huntey, second by J. Cain. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

F. 2025 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate:

The 2025 IRS mileage reimbursement rate is .70 per mile. Motion to approve adoption of the 2025 IRS mileage reimbursement rate by T. Huntey, second by J. Cain. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

G. 2025-2026 Wages:

Wages for elected officials need to be approved by resolution at least 30 days before the budget is adopted. The resolutions will be presented for approval at the February meeting.

H. 2025 Poverty Guidelines and Asset Test:

Motion to approve Mecosta Township Poverty Guidelines for 2025 by T. Huntey, second by J. Cain. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

I. Zoning Administrator/Enforcement Officer Agreement:

Discussion about pay for adding enforcement to zoning administrator current position.

J. Streetlight Request for the Corner of 11 Mile Road and Riverview Drive:

Heather Bowman, 10968 Riverview Drive, Stanwood, is requesting the township to put a streetlight up at the corner of 11 Mile and Riverview Drive.

11. Unfinished Business:

A. Event Venue Ordinance:

Mecosta County Board of Commissioners have 30 days to review the proposed ordinance. After 30 days the Mecosta Twp Board of Trustees can move forward to approving the ordinance.

B. Storage Containers Ordinance:

Mecosta County Board of Commissioners have 30 days to review the proposed ordinance. After 30 days the Mecosta Twp Board of Trustees can move forward to approving the ordinance.

12. Public Comment: None.

13. Announcements/Correspondence: Supervisor shared the Mecosta County Sheriff's monthly report.

14. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by J. Cain, second by M. Quinlan. 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.