

**Morton Township Board of Trustees
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 @ 9:00 am
290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

Call to Order at 9:00 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: M. Wolfe, J. Ratledge, S. McNeal, D. Wheeler were present. Y. Bellingar was conferenced in by telephone.

Three public citizens were present.

Public Comment:

Karen Christian, Fire/Rescue:

Karen developed a Recognition for Life Saving Award (CPR Save) for Morton's Fire/Rescue Department to acknowledge our responders that are part of life-saving rescues. The township board gave Karen overwhelming support for her efforts and agreed to recognize the award recipients at our township board meeting February 11, 2020 at 7 pm. Karen also questioned the randomness of our drug testing for the fire department.

New Business:

Township Cemetery Ordinance:

Stephanie McNeal presented an updated cemetery ordinance for board review. She asked for comments, questions or suggestions regarding the changes. An updated Cemetery Ordinance will be on the agenda for January 14, 2020 regular board meeting.

Township Yearly Calendar:

McNeal distributed a yearly event calendar. She asked for additions and comments. Some items were added. The calendar with additions will be distributed to all board members to use as a working tool.

Fire Chief New Goals and Objectives:

McNeal distributed new proposed goals and objectives for fire chief. One addition was made to the goals. Updated goals and objectives will be on January 14 agenda for approval.

Unfinished Business:

- Planning Commission Member Appointment: Alan Sackett will be re-appointed for three months and Steve Brandt will be appointed after the three months.
- Sale of Rescue One: An auction house is now advertising the sale of Rescue One.
- MCDC: Received letter from Jim Sandy regarding the letter he received from Morton Township's Board of Trustees indicating we would not be contributing any funds to MCDS. His memo outlined his and MCDC's contributions to economic development in Mecosta County. The board agreed to send \$500 to MCDC.
- Road Projects: Moved to discussion for February.

Reports:

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee Chair:
No report.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief:
New rescue pumper truck is on high priority for completion this month.
3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee Chair:
Looking at updating inventory lists.
4. Dick Wheeler, Supervisor:
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer:
94% of winter taxes have been collected to date.
Resolution Adjusting Budget R-200114A and Resolution to Establish the Morton Township 457 Plan R-200114 for January 14, 2020 agenda.
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk:
Bureau of Elections (BOE) participated in an audit overseen by the Office of the Auditor General. The Auditor General's report was released December 26, 2019. 21% of municipalities that require a fully accredited election office did not have one. Only one of the municipalities is in Mecosta County.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee:
No PC meeting for January. No PC in December.
8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee:
No report.

Public Comment: Larry Bunker asked if anyone found out what the size of bike lanes should be?

Adjourn at 11:36 am.