

**Morton Township Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 9:00 am  
290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order 9:00 am**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call: Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge, Stephanie McNeal, Dick Wheeler all present. Yo Bellingar was present by telephone.

Three (3) public citizens were present.

**Public Comment:**

Jim Sandy, Mecosta County Economic Development Committee (MCDC), explained the value of the MCDC to Morton Township. Helping US Marble employees find jobs and coordinating information for potential buyers.

**Motion to approve consent agenda by J. Ratledge, second by M. Wolfe. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried**

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**Motion Carried**

Treasurer's Report submitted by Maureen Wolfe.

Fund Disbursement included bills paid on December 18, 2019 for eighteen thousand, six hundred eighty-four dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$18,684.37), bills paid on January 2, 2020 for fifty thousand dollars and sixty cents (\$50,000.60) with a grand total for bills paid sixty-eight thousand, six hundred eighty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$68,684.97). **Motion to approve by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge.**

**Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Wheeler, yes. Motion Carried**

**Reports:**

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby:  
57 calls for month of December. 2 fire, 43 medical, 3 hazardous condition, 8 good intent calls, 1 false alarm/false call  
652 calls for 2019 (medical calls decreased, fire calls increased from 2018)
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson Joe Lanz:  
No report. No meeting was held last month.
3. Planning Commission – Jeff Ratledge:  
No January meeting.
4. Recreation Committee – Joe Lisuzzo:  
No report.

**New Business:**

1. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-200114A Adjusting Budget by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Wheeler, yes. Motion Carried**

2. **Motion to approve Resolution R-200114 to Establish the Morton Township 457 Plan by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Wheeler, yes. Motion Carried**
3. **Motion to approve the re-appointment of Alan Sackett to the Planning Commission for up to four (4) months term effective immediately second by S. McNeal. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried**
4. **Motion to approve Fire Chief New Goals and Objectives for 2020 by S. McNeal, second by J. Ratledge. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried**
5. **Motion to approve updated Cemetery Ordinance 36AA. Tabled until February meeting.**

**Correspondence:**

Austin Township Contract Services Invoice for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Township Yearly Calendar 2020

**Public Comments:**

Jim Sandy, MCDC, mentioned that they are working on their strategic plan and will share with us when completed.

Larry Bunker questioned our fund balance and why it was so high.

**Announcements:**

Leadership Mecosta Government Day recap by McNeal

**Adjournment:** 10:01 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk