

**Morton Township Board of Trustees  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4, 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, Y. Bellinger, S. McNeal were present. J. Ratledge was conferenced in by telephone. Three public citizens were present. D. Wheeler was absent.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Assessing – discussed office hours and assessing updates from MCTA meeting.
- Cemetery Ordinance – updated cemetery ordinance will be placed on next week's agenda. Remove item 8 e in Section 8.

**Reports:**

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee Chair:  
Locating pins on CSX property. Rowe quoted \$1500 to locate pins.  
Looking at three benches @ \$300 each for Pine Grove Park.  
Looking at grants to apply for.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief:  
Pump testing on new vehicle performed yesterday and graphics are going on this week. Delivery next week.  
Replacing lock on main doors at Station One. New lock and network device approximately \$1000. Installed by fire department personnel.  
Federal fire fighter grant opportunity opened yesterday. Working with other county departments to do a joint grant for air packs.
3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee Chair:  
FAC met last Tuesday. Fire chief covered several things that were on that agenda. Also looking at other needs for turn out gear, radios and pagers that relates to adding several new people.  
\$5715 to equip a new trained firefighter. Discussed purchasing a battery-operated spreader with proceeds from sale of old rescue truck. Also discussed the possibility of adding additional staff to reduce overall response time.

4. Dick Wheeler, Supervisor: Absent.
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer:  
Approve Summer Property Tax Collection Agreement on next week's agenda.  
Approve road projects for 2020 on next week's agenda.  
No response from Tom Sage yet.
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk:  
Correspondence  
Poverty tax exemption resolution on next week's agenda.  
Clerk reimbursement resolution on next week's agenda.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee:  
No Planning Commission meetings for December and January were cancelled. Maybe no meeting for February. Inquired about training for new PC members.
8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee:  
Will work on recreation committee and recycling grants.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn at 10:11 am.