

**Morton Township Board of Trustees
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 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, Y. Bellinger and D. Wheeler were present.

10 public citizens were in attendance including Morton Township Assessor and Morton Township Building Official.

Public Comment:

None.

Corey Travis, Travis Hardware

Mr. Travis is the owner of Travis Hardware in Mecosta. He shared his background working in our area and how he came to purchase the hardware store. He wants the township to allow marijuana businesses in the village.

New Business:

- Review Capital Improvement Plan – asked Jeff to have added to agenda for Planning Commission
- Review Strategic Plan – board review goals and bring to April meeting.
- Employee Evaluations – board to look at examples of alternate evaluation forms
- Road Commission Dust Control – agenda item
- Spring Clean Up – May 2nd from 8 am – 12 noon in the Village of Mecosta on Hayes Street.

Unfinished Business:

Reports:

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee Chair: no report.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Working on a county-wide FEMA grant for air packs for approximately \$900,000 due March 13, 2020. Dave Purchase is helping with the narrative on the grant as well as Joe Lanz. Also considering a county-wide grant for heart monitors. TransCanada grant will be worked on after March 13th. Grant request will be for additional tools for the initial attack apparatus. Have been doing extensive work on inventory and inputting into records management system. Need five sets of turn out gear for this budget cycle and will order five sets for next budget cycle. New lock on front door is working well.

3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee Chair: nothing to add to Fire Chief's report.
4. Dick Wheeler, Supervisor: no report.
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer:
Resolution R-200310 to Appoint a Designee for Property Tax Collection on agenda.
USDA audit is coming up for the library.
John Hancock is updated for 401K and 457B.
There's been phone calls inquiring about lots in the business park.
No response from Tom Sage yet.
Will research accepting credit cards for tax payments.
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk:
Looking for a laptop for clerk's office.
Invoices for Music on the River and Reuther Music Pavilion Series were discussed.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee:
Capital Improvement Plan review will be on March meeting.
Wants gravel applied to driveway at recycling center to have spring clean up at that location.
Need to review what we are going to do for recycling program/building.
8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee:
Recreation Committee meeting 3/5 at 10 am.
Received \$10,000 grant for two years from TransCanada.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk