

Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Via Zoom Videoconferencing
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:00 AM
Morton Township Hall, 290 Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge 9:01 am

Roll Call: Dick Wheeler, Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge, Yo Bellingar and Stephanie McNeal were all present.

Three public citizens were present.

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

Morton Township COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan Meeting Friday, June 5, 2020 @ 9 am

Unfinished Business:

Employee Evaluations – board members will turn in evaluations to the clerk and the clerk will compile all evaluations and then schedule evaluations with staff members.

MTA Online Learning – approve at June 16, 2020 meeting.

Budget – waiting on assessing numbers. \$92,000 deficit right now.

Reports:

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Fire in CL last week. Homeowner lit fire. Call volume is increasing. Will probably increase more with reduced restrictions. Suggests we work with businesses in posting maximum occupancy. New rescue truck has all bugs worked out of it. State fire grant is open right now. 50/50 match.
3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: Assuming will schedule a FAC meeting in June.
4. Dick Wheeler, Supervisor: Resigning effective July 1, 2020. Sold house and moving to Marshall, Michigan.
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Agenda items, budget items, banners a resident wants to put on fire station, Rescue One sold for \$13,000. Hewlett Packard may sponsor an electronics collection day. Would like to schedule an electronics collection day in the fall or next spring. Landowner for post office asks if we would be willing to split the cost of removing the tree between the post office and township hall. Need new flagpole at township office.
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Assessing updates, salary resolutions, items for annual meeting agenda, occupancy load for VFW, Valley Court Special Assessment, early lifting of stay at home order.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Planning Commission meeting June 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Will reach out to tree cutters for quotes to cut down trees by the township hall.

8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: We need to clear logs out of river by the kayak launch and repair steps where pea stone was washed away. Contacted Community Service to get community service workers for township projects. ZBA meeting June 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Public Comment: Mark Klumpp thanked Dick for his service to the township on behalf of Morton Township residents. He told him how much he appreciates what Dick has done and that he will be missed.

Adjourn: 10:06 am