

**MORTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – July 15, 2020**



Call to Order at 6:40 P.M. by Chairman- Alan Sackett

Pledge of Allegiance by all

Members Present: Alan Sackett, Larry Lenon, Lisa Thompson, Dennis Morawa, Jeff Ratledge (arrived late)

Members Absent: Lisa Thompson

Others Present: Fritz Pins- Zoning Administrator, Vicky Esch- Recording Secretary

List of Public present: Steve Brandt

Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2020, Regular Meeting

Motion by: Dennis Morawa

To approve the June 17, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

2nd by: Larry Lenon

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

New Business

There were no New Business agenda items. Topics discussed were added to Reports.

Old Business

A. Capital Improvement Plan review

Upon review by the commission members, there were no changes that needed to be made to the plan. Jeff Ratledge shared with the commission members some of the projects that are planned for the future and Alan Sackett recommended that the replacement of the furnaces at the township hall should be looked at as a possible project.

Motion by: Jeff Ratledge

The Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed, and no changes were made.

2nd by: Dennis Morawa

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

B. Political Signs: Section 7.3.10

Fritz Pins reported that he had emailed each of the candidates for sheriff regarding the placement of their signs and had received responses from them. He also had talked with the road commission candidates. Signs are now off the road right-of-way.

C. Building size on lots.

Fritz Pins reported that at this time it is not an issue. He will continue to watch.

D. Travel Trailers

Fritz Pins reported that upon a search he could not find where there were any deed restrictions regarding travel trailers. At the time land was developed, travel trailers were not an issue.

Reports – Building Department (Fritz Pins)

- Received a rezoning application. A public hearing to hear the request will be held at the August meeting.
- Franck’s RV Service – to consider selling rv’s.
- Building permits are down from last year due to covid-19.
- Letters have been sent to village residents regarding blight.
- Meeting was held here with village resident. Applied for pole building, not in compliance. Permit approved for a shed to put things in. Working on becoming more in conformance.

Reports – Board of Trustees (Jeff Ratledge)

- Spring Clean-up date rescheduled for August 22.

Jeff Ratledge questioned who owned the lot next to the fire station that is used for the clean-up day. Currently there are boats parked there and there is concern that there is not enough space for the containers on that day. Larry Lenon answered that it is owned by the village and he will talk to the Corey who owns the boats and has been allowed to park them there.

Reports – Village of Mecosta (Larry Lenon)

- Ok from village to haul for clean-up day if he gets any calls from village residents.

Correspondence - None

Adjourn Regular Meeting

Motion by: Larry Lenon

To Adjourn regular meeting

2nd by: Dennis Morawa

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vicky Esch

Vicky Esch, Recording Secretary