

Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
August 11, 2020, 7:00 pm
Morton Township Hall, 209 Main Street, MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge by Supervisor Mark Klumpp at 7:00 pm

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

Public Citizens in Attendance: 26

Presentation of Years of Service Certificates: Jill Ray, Chuck Ames, Jeff Harvell

Presentation of Life Saving Awards: CJ Monsivais, Shawn Fuller, Jill Ray, Jeff Harvell

Public Comments:

Larry Bunker commented that he is concerned about the bicycle lane markers being incorrect. Someone from the township should be working with the road commission to make sure they are done correctly. It is a potential traffic hazard.

Sandy Brogan comment that she attended a Gypsy Moth presentation last week hosted by the Mecosta County Townships Association with speaker Neil Swanson, a biologist with a consulting firm for controlling Gypsy Moths. She also shared pictures of egg masses on trees in the Tri-Lakes area. She listed several areas in the township that have issues with the moths. She suggested the township think about the possibility of having a survey of the township done and see just how many areas of the township are affected. McNeal noted that a Gypsy Moth survey will be an agenda item for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 1, 2020.

Motion to approve agenda by M. Wolfe, second by Y. Bellingar. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried

Approve Consent Agenda:

Approve minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2020 @ 9:00 am

Approve Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2020 @ 9:00 am

Motion to approve minutes by Y. Bellingar, second by M. Wolfe. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Summer tax collection total amount is \$7.1 million. 21% has been collected to date.

Fund Disbursement:

Motion to approve funds dispersed July 23, 2020 for two hundred forty-two thousand, six hundred eighty-five dollars and sixty cents (\$242,685.60); July 31, 2020 for six thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars and zero cents (\$6,333.00); and August 4, 2020 for forty-five thousand, one hundred twenty-one dollars and eighty-two cents (\$45,121.82) for a total of two hundred ninety-four thousand, one hundred forty dollars and forty-two cents (\$294,140.42) by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried

Reports:

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: 51 calls for July
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz: No Report
3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: Planning Commission Meeting on July 15, 2020. Reviews Capital Improvement Plan at the request of township board. PC decided to make no changes.
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: No Report

New Business:

1. **Motion to approve additional \$1000 upgrade to Power Plan 500 and the purchase of a Network Attached Storage Device to a total of \$4000 by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes; Bellingar, yes. Motion Carried**
2. **Motion to approve Purchase Agreement for Lot 7 in Morton Township Business Park by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes. Motion Carried**
3. **Motion to approve Resolution R-200811 Resolution to Appoint Clerk and Supervisor to Act on Behalf of Morton Township for the Sale of Property by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried**
4. **Motion to approve HomeWorks METRO Act Permit Application Form for 15 years by M. Klumpp, second by M. Wolfe. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried**
5. **Motion to approve 401K contributions of \$18,397.79 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 by M. Wolfe, second by Y. Bellingar. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried**

Unfinished Business: None.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comments: Larry Bunker asked if there was an update on the Verizon Tower on Nine Mile Road. The response was no.

Announcements: Township Clean-Up Day is August 22, 2020 from 8 am to noon.

Adjourn: 7:48 pm