

Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:00 AM
Morton Township Hall, 290 Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge at 9:00 am

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

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

Approve Tabulator Purchase for AVCB2: A motion will be put on the board of trustees meeting agenda for September 8, 2020 to approve purchase of a tabulator for second AV counting board for \$2647.50 (50% being paid for by the Cares Act).

Purchase New Flag Poles: A motion will be put on the board of trustees meeting agenda for September 8, 2020 to approve the purchase and install of three (3) flagpoles (township hall, fire station one, fire station two) for \$2831.25.

Unfinished Business:

Gypsy Moths: Dave Lewis, President of Tri-Lakes Association, attended and shared information he has acquired about removal of gypsy moths. There was much discussion about how to handle the removal of the moths, the effects of the moths, who pays for a survey of the township? Mr. Lewis received a bid to survey the Tri-Lakes area. Linda Howard, county commissioner, commented that the conservation district is heavily involved with gypsy moths and recommends that the homeowner take care of their gypsy moth issue. She suggested the township collaborate with others to make it a county-wide effort. There are several hotspots in Mecosta County and there needs to be a multi-township task force. Supervisor Klumpp will draft a letter to the county commissioners asking them to form a task force.

Special Assessment Valley Court: A lot of discussion took place regarding the proposed Valley Court Special Assessment. The discussions included getting a firm estimate for all costs, scheduling a public hearing, what potential problems there are, how the project could be halted, apportionment formula, what happens if undeveloped lots go the state land bank and scheduling an informal meeting ahead of the first public hearing.

Increase in Election Inspector Pay: Motion on agenda for board of trustees meeting on September 8, 2020 for election inspector chair people and primary EPB works get a \$2/hour raise for elections.

Reports:

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report. S. McNeal gave an update of some of the Recreation Committee's activities.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Chief Sutherby reported ladder truck is being returned after repairs tomorrow, Tender One is going in for repairs when the ladder truck is returned. Ladder truck needs new tires. Did pump test on ladder truck and need to have a DOT inspection. Need tires replaced first.

3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: J. Lanz reported that the FAC reviewed fire department analytical reports. He submitted a list of purchases to be motion items on the agenda for BOT meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020. (List attached)
4. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: M. Klumpp reported that there is a follow-up meeting of township supervisors to appoint an assessor to the Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement; he has received a complaint from a village resident that he will follow up on; and he recommends we look at moving the clean-up day location for a better traffic flow.
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: 42% of summer taxes have been collected; sale of Lot 7 in business park is complete; confirmed that Wednesday, September 9th is our last day of Wednesday recycling this year; Morton Township is at 51% return rate for Census (lowest in the county).
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: McNeal provided an update of recycling numbers for August 2020 and asked about updating our webpage with recreation committee activities.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Reported that he would like a motion on meeting agenda for September 8, 2020 meeting to appoint Steve Brandt to Planning Commission, also a motion to appoint a non-voting alternate to the Planning Commission and a motion to change two parcels from C-2 to C-3 (see Planning Comm minutes August 19 2020. The PC needs to appoint a chairperson.
8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: No ZBA meeting last month. Everything at the River Park is good.

Public Comments: Larry Bunker questioned flagpole purchase for fire station one and the supervisor explained that the pole that needs to be replaced is by the front door, not the road. Linda Howard commented that our clean up ideas are good, but she would like to see some clean up day stay in the village.

Adjourn: 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk