

**Morton Township  
Unapproved Minutes  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 @ 9:00 am  
110 James Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

Call to Order 9:00 am

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

Two public citizens were present.

Public Comment: None

**New Business:**

Recommendation for Hiring Building Official/Zoning Administrator:

Hiring Committee posted position, received four applicants, two were qualified and were interviewed. One candidate was selected. That candidate is currently employed as building/zoning official and was offered the position. An offer was made, and the candidate declined the offer. He may accept an offer if we increased vacation to two weeks and start health insurance coverage immediately. Klumpp will contact applicant and offer him two weeks of vacation and health insurance coverage from day of hire.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Gypsy Moths:**

Survey was ordered to be completed.

**Special Assessment Valley Court:**

Informational meeting to be held next Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Morton Township Hall. Letters were sent to all property owners informing them of the meeting by the clerk.

**Township Projects:**

1. Front Office Remodel – December 2020. Two board members will review project with contractor prior to starting. Possibly include new furnace and new server room at the same time as the office project. Sutherby suggested we look at what we want to do in the future when rewiring.
2. Recycling Building – look at drawings and make potential changes before getting new bids.
3. Carpet for Offices – for future
4. New Phone System – need additional quotes

**Reports:**

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Vendor coming to next Tuesday's meeting to show cardiac monitor. One staff member potentially positive for COVID. Need to redo COVID plan to include fire dept.
3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: FAC met via Zoom. Discussed cardiac monitor. Have project list for fire department including new floor and drains in station two.
4. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Discussed email from Jim Sandy, MCDC, CLPOC election forms, larger flags and a financial request towards a Splash Pad at Hemlock Park in Big Rapids.
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Discussed winter newsletter, notary public, new computers, Giving day and Cogitate updates.
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Discussed commission appointments and correspondence.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Recapped items discussed at October's Planning Commission meeting including sign request, pump house ordinance and non-motorized vehicle ordinance for

township trails. Called Fisher Transportation to inquire about limestone paving. They will measure the area at recycling that we want paved and submit an estimate for paving.

8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: Discussed park equipment from sales rep and closing of our river park.

**Public Comments:**

None

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 am by J. Ratledge, second by Y. Bellingar. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried