

Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
Zoom
February 9, 2021, 7:00 pm
Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge, Yo Bellingar and Stephanie McNeal were all present. Fire Chief Allen Sutherby, Fire Administrative Committee Chairperson Joe Lanz, Marlene Schalm, Dave Lewis and Sandy Brogan were also present.

Public Comments:

Sandy Brogan commented that regardless of the outcome and decision of the board regarding gypsy moths, she urges the board to set a timeline for addressing the gypsy moth problems so that treatment can be take place for 2022. She and Dave Lewis are volunteering to help with the special assessment. She wants to see the special assessment complete so that it can be on the 2021 winter tax bill.

Motion to approve agenda by Y. Bellingar, second by J. Ratledge. 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried

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

Approve minutes of Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes Valley Court Special Assessment Public Hearing Tuesday, January 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, February 2, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Strategic Planning Special Meeting Friday, February 5, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

Treasurer's Report submitted by M. Wolfe.

Motion to approve Fund Disbursement included bills paid on January 19, 2021 for seventeen thousand, three hundred sixty dollars and fifteen cents (\$17,360.15) and on January 27, 2021 for the amount of thirty-eight thousand, six hundred eighty-one dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$38,681.88) for a grand total of bills paid fifty-six thousand, forty-two dollars and three cents (\$56,042.03) by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes. Motion Carried.

Reports:

1. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz: FAC met in January. The committee came up with three purchase transactions to recommend to the board of trustees for approval.
 - a. **Motion to authorize the purchase of a CET Skid Unit on a fire department pick-up truck identified as Grass Rig 1 at a cost not to exceed \$10,146.25. Purchase to be provided by CSI Emergency Apparatus under terms of quotation dated January 28,2021 by S. McNeal, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried.**
 - b. **Motion to approve proceeding with the removal and replacement of trench drains in the floor of Station #2. Replacement to be provided by Petersheim Concrete Construction at a cost not to exceed \$8400. Work involves removal of 3, twenty-foot drains and sections of floor, and replacement with concrete and steel grates by S. McNeal, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes; Wolfe, yes. Motion Carried.**
 - c. **Motion to approve the purchase of up to 20 particulate hoods at a price of \$70 each with a total not to exceed cost of \$1600. Hoods must be certified to current NFPA standard. These hoods**

provide protection from potentially harmful particulates as well as flame and heat resistance by S. McNeal, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfed, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried.

2. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: No report (no meeting).
3. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: No report.
4. Fire Chief Allen Sutherby: 59 calls for January. 4 fire calls, 51 medical, 3 good intent, 1 false alarm.

New Business:

1. **Motion to approve the collection of Summer School Property Taxes for Chippewa Hills School District by M. Wolfe, second by M. Klumpp. 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried.**
2. **Motion to approve R-210209 Poverty Tax Exemption by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried.**
3. **Motion to approve R-210209-A Resolution Approving the Plans and Estimate of Costs for the Paving of Valley Court and the Valley Court Special Assessment District by S. McNeal, second by M. Wolfe. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried.**

Public Comments:

Dave Lewis questioned if there would be an issue with him and Sandy Brogan and Marlene Schalm accessing township records to assist in organizing a petition drive for gypsy moth special assessment district. The board indicated they did not.

Sandy Brogan commented that when she has researched a special assessment district, she found there are two ways to set up a special assessment district. One way is by petition and the other is the board adopting a resolution to set up the special assessment district. The second way would expedite the process.

Announcements: None.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm by S. McNeal, second by J. Ratledge. 5 ayes, 0 nays