

Minutes
Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 @ 9:00 am
290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332
Zoom

Call to Order 9:06 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Jeff Ratledge, Maureen Wolfe, Yo Bellingar and Stephanie McNeal were present. Fire Chief Allen Sutherby, Fire Administrative Committee Chair Joe Lanz, Dave Lewis and Linda Howard were also present.

Public Comment:

Dave Lewis commented that the window for spring this year has closed for being to address the gypsy moth problem. He also asked if we had reached out to Canadian Lakes Property Owners Corporation (CLPOC). If deemed necessary, can we coordinate for a spray in the spring of 2022. Klumpp reached out to CLPOC and asked if they would be willing to contribute financially to fixing the gypsy moth problem. Mr. Lewis believes that a special assessment would be the best way to have the gypsy moth control paid for.

Linda Howard commented that the Mecosta County Road Commission pulled back their millage request. Mecosta County Parks Board is considering a special election in May. She attended the Village of Mecosta meeting last night. The group that handles the Music on the River activities will be having concerts July and August. The first activity will be July 4th weekend. They would also have a car show that weekend. They would like to use the township hall parking lot to park the antique cars on Friday, July 2nd from 5 – 7 pm. Will you please discuss? Mark Baumann requested \$1200 for this year's concerts.

New Business:

Road Commission Contract: 2021 Dust Control Contract for two applications for dust control and a third application if needed.

Resolution Valley Court Special Assessment: Eric Williams drafted Special Assessment Resolution No. 2 for proposed Valley Court Special Assessment. The resolution splits assessment between improved lots and unimproved lots 90% improved lots and 10% unimproved lots with a 3-year payback with 2% interest. The board discussed the amounts.

Resolution to Establish Revolving Fund: Board discussed establishing a revolving fund to have funds for special assessment requests. M. Wolfe will research further.

Unfinished Business:

1. Building Official/Zoning Administrator Search for Replacement: M. Klumpp shared five applicants' information for Building Official/Zoning Administrator. He received a sixth application today. He will forward on to us. Board decided to proceed with interviews.

2. Valley Court Special Assessment Update: Need to set a date for second public hearing. 2nd Public Hearing for Valley Court Special Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
3. Telephone System Proposals: Any other bids?

Reports:

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: AFG Grant through FEMA is due on the 12th. He is working on it. Launched Rover App for new activation application. More robust and broader platform of capabilities. 59 calls for January.
3. Fire Administrative Committee, Joe Lanz: Committee met last week. Need 15 – 20 new hoods for turnout gear at approximately \$80 each. Not to exceed \$1600 (with shipping). New hoods are carcinogen-blocking hoods that typically run double the cost. Currently on sale. Need to replace drains in floor at Station Two. Identical to the drains at Station One that were replaced several years ago. \$8400 from the vendor that replaced the drains at Station One. Purchase of a new tank for Grass Rig One is approximately \$10,000. The current tank is over 20 years old. Lanz will prepare motion for February 9 meeting and send to clerk for agenda.
4. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Two active complaints on blight locations. One is a residence within Canadian Lakes. Six or seven unlicensed cars in the driveway. Another location on 7 Mile Road. ZBA meeting coming up for a garage in Canadian Lakes.
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: 97% summer and 72% winter tax collection. Agreement for school summer tax collection for next week's agenda. Poverty tax exemption for next week's agenda. Need Malware Bytes updated. Mercantile Bank will start charging us \$25 per month for ACH beginning in March. Should recycle workers receive hazard pay? Need to do some budget adjustments.
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Are we able to use the township hall for gatherings? Currently no. Supervisor and clerk are meeting with contractor at 11 am to look at remodel project. New 2021 federal mileage rate is .56 per mile.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: No Planning Commission meeting this month. Do we pursue looking at public water and sewer for areas in the township? Is it worth taking a look at? Will address in Strategic Planning meeting on Friday.
8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: No report. Thank you all for your support, understanding and prayers.

Public Comment:

Reschedule meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 for Personnel Manual and Policy Manual for next week.

Adjourn @ 11:08.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Stephanie McNeal.