

**Unapproved Minutes**  
**MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 9, 2021, 9:00 am**  
**Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge** at 9:05 am

**Roll Call:** Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge, Yo Bellingar (Zoom), Stephanie McNeal were all present.

Public Citizens present were Fire Chief Allen Sutherby, Fire Administrative Chairperson Joe Lanz, Fire/Rescue Dept. Member Jeff Harvel, Sandy Brogan and Wanda Ratledge.

**Public Comments:**

Emma Constantino, North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area: Their organization is concerned with aquatic invasive species. Their goal is to prevent the next invasive species from becoming a problem. There is a program dedicated to monitoring lakes and reducing the probability that an exotic infestation will cause significant disruptions to the lake ecosystem and recreation. Monitor for water transparency \$30 fee to enroll. They will provide free tool kits to monitor for invasive species. If an invasive species is identified, they provide help to treat the species. Please reach out to them with any questions.

Sandy Brogan commented that on Saturday the Tri-Lakes Board of Improvement met and approved moving forward with a special assessment district. They appointed four people to a board for the SAD. They would like to ask the township to schedule a meeting to set up a schedule for moving forward with the SAD.

**Motion to approve Agenda by J. Ratledge, second by M. Wolfe. 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda:**

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

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Update Personnel and Policy Manuals Thursday, February 11, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

Approve minutes Special Meeting to Update Morton Township Policy Manual Sections 4 and 5 Thursday, February 16, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss Building Official Position and Fire-Rescue Department FEMA Grant Friday, February 19, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Update Morton Township Policy Manual Sections 6 and 7 Thursday, February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss Hiring Building Official Friday, February 26, 2021 @ 10:00 am

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

Approve minutes of Election Commission Meeting to Consolidate Precincts 1 and 2 for May 4, 2021 Election Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @ 11:00 am

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda by J. Ratledge, second by M. Klumpp. 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Treasurer's Report submitted by M. Wolfe.**

**Fund Disbursement:**

Motion to approve bills paid on February 11, 2021 for the amount of fourteen thousand, six hundred forty-seven dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$14,647.28); bills paid on February 24, 2021 for forty-two thousand, six hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty-four cents (\$42,683.64); and an Electronic Funds Transfer on March 1, 2021 for the amount of one hundred fifteen thousand, eight hundred ninety-four dollars and eleven cents (\$115,894.11) for a grand total of one hundred seventy-three thousand, two hundred twenty-five dollars and

three cents (\$173,225.03) 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/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: 41 calls for February 2021.
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz

**Motion to approve purchase of two Zoll Medical Corporation X Series Manual Monitor/Defibrillators with receipt of one unit in current fiscal year. Purchase includes a detailed list of accessories included with each monitor, a list of supplies, consumables and related equipment. All items are detailed in Zoll quotation 375673 V:1. No trade-in of Philips Heartstart units is anticipated. The special payment terms detailed in the quotation will apply providing for 50% due net 30 and balance due October 1, 2021. Purchase order will be directed to Zoll Medical Corporation with a total amount of \$46,145.12 plus shipping, second by J. Ratledge.**

Discussion included if we need two, how that affects the budget, evaluating the brands of cardiac monitors and the benefits of the better technology.

**Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes. Motion Carried**

3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: No meeting last month. Will meet this month on March 17, 2021 @ 6:30 pm. Officers will be elected at this meeting.
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: No report.

### New Business:

1. **Motion to approve Budget Adjustment Resolution R-210309 by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll-call vote: Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried**
2. **Motion to approve Road Projects for 2021 to include chip and fog seal 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 11 Mile to 12 Mile, chip and fog seal West School Section from Buchanan to the end, HMA overlay 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 8 Mile to 9 Mile Road and HMA bike lane shoulder paving only 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 9 Mile to M-20 for a total cost of \$254,308.73 by S. McNeal, second by M. Klumpp. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes; Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried**
3. **Motion to amend MT Personnel Manual one time to allow payout of unused vacation days up to five days for our full-time staff by M. Klumpp, second by Y. Bellingar.**  
Discussion included are we going to make any other amendments moving forward?  
**Roll call vote: Klumpp, no; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, no. Motion Carried**
4. Answers to Gypsy Moth Questions from Dave Lewis:  
SAD begins with informal petition circulated by concerned citizens.  
Eric Williams would assist with petition if hired by concerned citizens requesting SAD.  
A description of the assessment district should be included on the petitions.  
We do not charge for public meetings.  
The township mails out notices to property owners in the SAD.  
Description of SAD, list of properties and cost of program are included in the public notice.  
As many circulators as needed can circulate petitions.  
Each sheet of the petition does require the wording on it.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Announcements:**

McNeal commented that quotes for the recycling building are coming and she could potentially have something to present for approval at the April meeting. Ratledge and McNeal are going to stake the site on Wednesday.

Klumpp announced that Rich Davis started in his new position as Building Official/Zoning Administrator yesterday.

Sutherby announced that the floor at Station Two is complete.

**Adjourn at 10:32 am.**