

MORTON TOWNSHIP
144th ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

JUNE 8, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Morton Township Hall
 290 W. Main St., Mecosta, MI 49332

Call to Order Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Mark Klumpp

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Five public citizens were present.

Close Regular Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING

Open 144th Annual Meeting

1. Motion to approve Minutes of previous Annual Meeting on June 16, 2020 by M. Wolfe, second by Y. Bellingar. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried
2. Motion to approve Regular Meeting dates for 2021/2022 by Y. Bellingar, second by M. Wolfe. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried
3. Motion to approve the date of the next Annual Meeting on June 14, 2022 @ 7:00 pm by S. McNeal, second by M. Klumpp. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried
4. Approve township official's salary resolutions:
 - Motion to approve Supervisor's Salary as established in R-210504-A (Resolution to Establish Supervisors Salary) by J. Ratledge, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried
 - Motion to approve Treasurer's Salary as established in R-210504-B (Resolution to Establish Treasurers Salary) by S. McNeal, second by M. Klumpp. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Wolfe, no. Motion Carried
 - Motion to approve Clerk's Salary as established in R-210504-C (Resolution to Establish Clerks Salary) by J. Ratledge, Y. Bellingar. Roll call vote: Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, no. Motion Carried
 - Motion to approve Trustees' Salary as established in R-210504-D (Resolution to Establish Trustees Salary) by M. Klumpp, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried

Public Comments:

Sandy Brogan, Tri-Lakes, commented that she has never seen gypsy moths as bad as they are this year. Tri-Lakes Association is in the middle of a petition drive for a special assessment to treat gypsy moths to be put on the winter tax roll. Petitions were dropped off to the clerk yesterday to be verified.

Dave Lewis, 11034 11 Mile Road, asked the clerk if the legal description on the petitions was satisfactory.

Larry Bunker, 9524 West School Section Lake Drive, asked why only the Tri-Lakes are doing a spraying and not the rest of the township.

Motion to adjourn the 144th Annual Meeting

BUDGET HEARING

1. Open the Budget Hearing
2. Discuss Budget
3. Public Comments
4. Adjourn the Budget Hearing

RE-OPEN REGULAR MEETING

Morton Township Board of Trustees Agenda Regular Meeting June 8, 2021

Re-open Regular Meeting

Motion to approve consent agenda:

Approve Agenda of today's meeting June 8, 2021, 7:00 PM

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve Minutes of Morton Township Fire/Rescue Department Budget Meeting

May 11, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Approve Minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss Recycling and Use of Township Hall for Gatherings Tuesday, May 25, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Approve Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Minutes on June 1, 2021 @ 9:00 am by Y. Bellinger, second by J. Ratledge. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried

Submit Treasurer's Report

Fund Disbursements:

Motion to approve payment of bills includes payments on May 11, 2021 for the amount of twenty-one thousand, seven hundred eighty dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$21,780.98); May 26, 2021 for the amount of three-hundred twenty thousand, nine hundred two dollars and six cents (\$320,902.06); May payroll for the amount of thirty thousand, six hundred thirty dollars and eighty-five cents (\$30,630.85); and payments on June 1, 2021 for the amount of thirty-six thousand, two hundred forty-three dollars and five cents (\$36,243.05) for a grand total of four hundred nine thousand, five hundred fifty-six dollars and ninety-four cents (\$409,556.94) by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge.

Roll Call Vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, Bellinger, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried

Reports:

1. **Fire and Rescue Run Reports:** Fire Chief Allen Sutherby reported 58 calls in May. Received our new cardiac monitor last Wednesday. Will have in-service training on the machine at next department training meeting.
2. **Planning Commission:** Jeff Ratledge reported that the commission is working on the sign ordinance.
3. **Fire Administrative Committee:** Joe Lanz, no report.
4. **Recycling:** Stephanie McNeal gave an update on the status of the new recycling building.
5. **Recreation Committee:** Stephanie McNeal gave an update on recreation committee projects.
6. **River Park:** Yo Bellingar gave an update on the river park.

Unfinished Business:

M. Wolfe reported that she will add accepting credit card payments to the July Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Jeff Ratledge reported he is getting pricing on a gazebo for the township hall property.

New Business:

Motion to approve Resolution (R-210608), Morton Township Budget Resolution by M. Wolfe, second by Y. Bellingar. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried

Motion to approve Resolution (R-210608-A), Resolution to Adjust Budget by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes. Motion Carried

Motion to approve Resolution (R-210608-B), Financial Institution Resolution by M. Wolfe, second by M. Klumpp. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried

Motion to approve \$4000 payment to Morton Township Library for the literacy program by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried

Motion to approve Ordinance #55 Long-Term Disability Coverage by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes. Motion Carried

Motion to approve \$1900 to Michigan Townships Association for one-year subscription to online unlimited training workshops by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried

Motion to approve METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension Request for additional 5-year term by S. McNeal, second by M. Klumpp. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Wolfe, yes. Motion Carried

Motion to Approve the L-4029 by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried

Correspondence: Consumers Energy will be shutting down power from 11 pm to 5 am June 14 and 15, 2021.

Announcements:

Public Comments: None.

Adjourn at 8:10 pm

NOTE: 1 Public Comments are encouraged. For the benefit of the Township Clerk taking the minutes and to conduct an orderly meeting with maximum participation, please stand to be recognized by the chair, speak to be heard, state your name, address and make your comments. The Public Comments-brief period is limited to three (3) minutes.

During Public Comments, the time limit is for one-time recognition of each person - transfer of time to another or accumulation of time because of group action is not permitted.

If the Township Board Members are questioned generally or specifically, the question will only be answered if a Board Member indicates their desire to answer by requesting recognition by the Chair.

Disruptive behavior, swearing, improper language, arguing, or discussion between attendees without proper recognition is prohibited.

NOTE: 2 MEETING AGENDA PARTICIPATION

If attendees or township property owners or residents desire to place an item on the Agenda, they must do so through a Township Board Member, for receipt by the Township Clerk or Board Secretary, by noon the last Friday of the month, before the first Tuesday Committee of the Whole Meeting. When items are included on the Agenda by non-Township Board Members, they will be given a reasonable time for presentation and questions of Board Members.