

Unapproved Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2021, 7:00 pm
Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge

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

Nine (9) public citizens were present.

Public Comments:

Dave Lewis, 11034 11 Mile Road, Mecosta MI commented that he received the letter in the mail about the Tri-Lakes SAD and questioned the cost of the project.

Consent Agenda:

Approve Agenda Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Approve minutes of Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss Tri-Lakes Special Assessment District and Purchase of New Grass Rig for Fire/Rescue Department Tuesday, July 20, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss Amending Recycling Lot Site Work Wednesday, July 28, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, August 3, 2021 @ 9:00 am

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

Treasurer's Report submitted by M. Wolfe.

Fund Disbursement:

Motion to approve bills paid on July 22, 2021 for the amount of twenty-five thousand, seven hundred six dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$25,706.58), bills paid on July 23, 2021 for the amount of one thousand seven hundred dollars and no cents (\$1,700.00); payroll dated July 30, 2021 for the amount of thirty-two thousand, five hundred ninety-nine dollars and nine cents (\$32,599.90) and checks dated July 30, 2021 for the amount nine thousand, six hundred seventy-two dollars and ninety cents (\$9,672.90); and bills paid on August 4, 2021 for the amount of fifty-nine thousand, three hundred thirty-nine dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$59,339.88) for a grand total of one hundred twenty-nine thousand, eighteen dollars and forty-five cents (\$129,018.45) by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried.

Recognition for years of service and fire/rescue course completions:

Vicky Esch – 15 years

Ron Ray – 15 years

John Snider – 20 years

Bob Burgess – 25 years

Jeff Harvell – Paramedic

Josh England – EMT-B

Tim Visser – Fire Instructor One

Reports:

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: 87 calls for July. Month to date we are 81 calls ahead of last year at this time.

2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz:
Motion to approve purchase of replacement hoses that were recently failed or were removed from service due to age or wear from Allied Fire Sales; Hose manufacturer will be Mercedes Hoses of various diameters and lengths not to exceed \$6400 including freight by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes. Motion Carried
Motion to replace three firefighting tools and purchase an additional six hand tools named in the quote from Allied Fire Sales not to exceed \$1800 including freight by M. Klumpp, second by M. Wolfe. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried
Motion to purchase supply line bracket for hose connection to portable water tank not to exceed \$750 including freight by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried
Motion to purchase two Iron Duck – Metro Tech backpack bags, one for each rescue truck not to exceed \$1300 each with freight by M. Klumpp, second by Y. Bellingar. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes. Motion Carried
3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: July 21st meeting approved Class B Site Plan for Lakeside Motor Sports, discussed an ordinance for food vendors, developed a rough draft for a fireworks ordinance. Public Hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the township hall.
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: River clean up postponed until next Tuesday, CSX Trail is complete and will be renamed soon.

New Business:

1. **Motion to approve \$2000 to install Firewall, VPN for offsite users, new link system switch and new wireless router with office and guest access by M. Wolfe, second by Y. Bellingar.** Discussion: CMS Internet will install the firewall. Ann McFeggan will coordinate project. **Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried**
2. **Motion to approve R-210810 Budget Adjustment Resolution 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 purchase of 60” refurbished cardboard baler per proposal dated August 3, 2021, from Speed-Tech Equipment for \$8500 by S. McNeal, second by J. Ratledge.** Discussion: Possible donated baler did not work out. Will discuss maintenance agreement at COW meeting next month. **Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes. Motion Carried**

Unfinished Business:

Microsoft Office: We have 10 stations and only three licenses. Supervisor Klumpp will direct IT to increase our number of licenses.

COVID Protocol: Michigan DHHS does not require wearing of face masks. Supervisor Klumpp shared the latest information sheet for recommendations from Michigan DHHS.

Replacement of Rescue Two: Could be up to \$90,000 to replace with a Suburban. Have a possible option available for \$65,934.

Motion to suspend our bidding requirement policy for the purpose of approving the purchase of a replacement truck for Rescue Two by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried
Motion to purchase a vehicle to replace Rescue Two with upgrades not to exceed \$90,000 by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes. Motion Carried

Part-Time Fire Chief/Shift Worker Position for Fire/Rescue Department: Supervisor Klumpp distributed a memo regarding staffing of the fire/rescue department and asked for a special meeting to discuss. Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

Staffing of Recycling Center: McNeal proposed that Jim Adams be paid a rate of \$18 per hour for any additional time worked beyond the standard pay for a recycling shift.

Public Comments:

Sandy Brogan, Maple Street, Mecosta asked if the second publication for the SAD would be published this week.

Announcements:

ZBA Meeting August 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Morton Township Hall.

Village of Mecosta is in the process of updating their Master Plan.

Adjourn at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk