

Approved Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 9:00 AM
Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge at 9:00 am

**Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Stephanie McNeal, Jeff Ratledge, Yo Bellingar were all present.
 4 public citizens present**

Public Comments:

Dave Lewis asked if there were anymore resolutions that need to be done for the Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth Control Special Assessment District?

Sandy Brogan asked if there was any more correspondence with the property owners in the SAD?

New Business:

Business Park Lot Purchase Offer: Offer was made to purchase Lots 10 and 11 in the business park for \$16,320.

Motion by J. Ratledge to entertain the offer of \$16,320 for Lots 10 and 11, second by Y. Bellingar.

Discussion: Ratledge commented that we need more money to purchase the lots. Total acreage of both lots is 4.08. Lot 10 is less desirable to purchase by itself. \$5000 per acre would be \$20,400. \$4800 is \$19,584.

Amended Motion by J. Ratledge to accept \$4800 per acre (\$19,584) plus closing costs, second Y. Bellingar. Roll call vote: Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Wolfe, yes. Motion Carried

Recreation Plan Update and Possible Public Hearing: Wolfe and Joe Lisuzzo are working on updating the Recreation Plan and Wolfe suggested we have a public hearing to approve changes.

Carpet Cleaning Bids: We received three bids for cleaning of hallway, entrance and meeting room carpets and chairs in the meeting room. Bids were \$698, \$843.75 and 1053.80. Carpet Pro had the lowest bid of \$698. Motion on agenda for next week's meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Recycling Center Sign: Motion on next week's agenda to approve recycling center signs.

Baler Warranty: Two choices of warranty for the baler. Motion on next week's agenda to select warranty.

Fire Department Staffing: Need to establish parameters of proposal and modify job description of full-time chief position. Motion on next week's agenda to expand fire chief position.

Office Staffing: Continue discussion of office staffing hours.

Reports:

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: Meeting Wednesday, September 8 at 10 am. Quote from MCRC for signage.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Invoice for second Lucas Machine was less than we approved. Waiting on final numbers for purchase of Suburban. Great training meeting last Wednesday, "Stop the Bleed." Wants township to do it as well. Keeping an eye on COVID cases.
3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: No report.
4. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: No report:
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Approved for ARPA funds, need Conflict of Interest policy, audit September 27, 28 and 29th, authorization to renew Pitney Bowes contract, building inspector asked about field module for BPN to work from home, picnic table and bench, new firewall installed this week.

6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Series of town hall meetings for 2022, Strategic Plan, purchase of metal detector to locate cemetery plot markers, reaching out to Sheriff about community ed classes and sale of shed at recycling building.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Planning Comm held public hearing. Four motions that will need to be on next week's agenda for the PC. Public hearing this Wednesday, September 8 for re-zoning R2 to Ag.
8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: Picnic table at River Park is rotting.

Public Comments:

Josh England, resident and member of Fire/Rescue Department commented that our fire/rescue department is considered a rural department but is more like a city department. Our dept runs a higher number of calls than other rural departments in our area. There is a larger workload for our dept compared to other rural depts.

Adjourn: 11:05 am.