

Unapproved Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2021, 9:00 am
Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge at 9:02 am

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

Two public citizens were present.

Public Comments: None.

Consent Agenda:

Approve Agenda Tuesday, September 14, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Approve minutes of Public Hearing No 1 Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth Control Special Assessment District, Tuesday, August 17, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss Fire Department Staffing and Equipment, Tuesday, August 31, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Public Hearing No 2 Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth Control Special Assessment District, Thursday, September 2, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by J. Ratledge, second by M. Wolfe. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried
Treasurer's Report submitted by M. Wolfe.

Fund Disbursement:

Motion to approve bills paid on August 17, 2021 for the amount of fourteen thousand, six hundred ninety-eight dollars and twenty-four cents (\$14,698.24), payroll paid on August 31, 2021 for the amount of twenty-eight thousand, three hundred ninety-four dollars and ninety-three cents (\$28,394.93); an ACH payment on September 1, 2021 for the amount forty-three thousand, four hundred seventy dollars and zero cents (\$43,470.00); and bills paid on September 1, 2021 for the amount of forty-three thousand, five hundred eleven dollars and thirty-two cents (\$43,511.32) for a grand total of one hundred thirty thousand, seventy-four dollars and forty-nine cents (\$130,074.49) by M. Wolfe, second by M. Klumpp. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried

Reports:

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: 97 calls for month of August. Storms significantly impacted the number of calls.
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz: No report.
3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge:
 - a. **Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Morton Township Zoning Ordinance in Section 5.14 Storage Buildings, the addition of #6 pumphouses and renumber current #6 to #7 as presented by J. Ratledge, second by M. Klumpp. Discussion: Will allow pump houses on lake-front properties. Need approval from ACC in Canadian Lakes. A zoning permit is required on all properties before a structure is built. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried**
 - b. **Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Morton Township Zoning Ordinance in Section 5.15 Height and Placement Minimum, additional text to #4 A.2 as presented by J. Ratledge,**

second by M. Klumpp. Discussion: Limits setbacks for sides of structures to 6'. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried

- c. Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Morton Township Zoning Ordinance in Section 7.3 Signs, additional text to #4.H as presented by J. Ratledge, second by M. Klumpp. Discussion: What is the primary purpose of the trailer or truck? 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
 - d. Motion to approve the Fireworks Ordinance as presented J. Ratledge, second by M. Klumpp. Discussion: Do we adopt an ordinance that will be difficult to enforce? 0 ayes, 4 nays. Motion Fails.
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: Attending Austin Township’s meeting tonight to share what we hope to do with trails connecting to the White Pine Trail.

New Business:

1. Motion to approve quote from Carpet Pro (Dan Ayling) to clean township hall carpets (excluding offices) and chairs in meeting room for \$796 by S. McNeal, second by M. Wolfe. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried.
2. Motion to approve the establishment of a 5 day per week (Monday-Friday 40 hours per week) chief position at a wage of \$52,000 per year plus benefits, with the understanding that 2 days per week this position shall be the only designated shift worker, and the position will not be eligible for paid calls/training/meetings by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. Discussion: When would the position start? Does it need to be in the motion? Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, no. Motion Carried. Bellingar was verbally in support of the motion prior to the meeting that she cannot attend.
3. Motion to approve maintenance agreement with Speed Wrench, Inc. dated August 3, 2021, to perform preventative maintenance on the compactor and vertical baler two times per year for \$650 + parts by S. McNeal, second by J. Ratledge. Discussion: Cost of current compactor maintenance. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried.
4. Motion to approve two signs for the recycling center (copies attached) for \$800 by M. Klumpp, second by S. McNeal. Discussion: None. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Fire Chief supported our decision not to support the proposed fireworks ordinance.

Announcements:

Ratledge announced that we received a letter thanking us for contributing to the concert series in Canadian Lakes and asked for financial support for next year’s summer series.

McNeal reported that Dianne would like to take the Michigan Certified Assessing Technician (MCAT) Virtual/Online Course for \$150.

To date we have received one bid for sale of the recycling shed.

Wolfe distributed a spreadsheet of recycling costs for the last eleven years.

Klumpp asked if Village had a meeting last night. They did.

Klumpp commented that we have another party interested in lots in the business park.

Adjourn at 10:13 am.