

Approved Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 9:00 AM
Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge at 9:01 am by Supervisor Mark Klumpp.

Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge, Yo Bellingar and Stephanie McNeal were all present. Fire Chief Allen Sutherby, Fire Admin Committee Chair Joe Lanz, Alan Sackett and Wanda Ratledge were all present.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

BS & A Proposal for Building Department: Field Inspection program for use in the field for \$4600. Annual service fee of \$425. Will also need a tablet for field use. The cost of a tablet is approximately \$1400.

Road Commission 2022/2023 Projects: Paser Rating created by Mecosta County Road Commission distributed to board members. 60th Avenue project is a priority.

Bids for Sale of Recycling Center Shed: One bid for \$500. McNeal contacted the bidder, and he will make arrangements to pay and remove the shed.

Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program for North Star Land: Alan Sackett applied to approve Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program for the State of Michigan. Application must be approved by local government before it goes to the state for approval.

EMC Insurance: McNeal shared the renewal policy for insurance renewal November 1, 2021.

Audit Results: Wolfe shared the results for our annual audit.

Unfinished Business:

Fire Department Staffing: Discussion has taken place for approving the position of a full-time position. Approval on next week's agenda.

Accepting Credit Card Payments: Wolfe submitted contract on September 22, 2021. Waiting to hear back from company.

Building Official/Zoning Administrator: Need to officially approve new building inspector/zoning administrator on next week's agenda.

Phone System Proposals: Wolfe and Klumpp will send Stephanie other options to get pricing on.

Policy and Personnel Manual Changes: Proposed changes will be on next week's agenda.

Business Park Lots Purchase Agreement: Waiting for purchase agreement from Lakeland Title to create and proceed.

Recreation Plan Update and Possible Public Hearing: Joe Lisuzzo made changes and brought to Maureen, and she made changes on the same document. Needs need census statistics to continue to make changes.

Recreation committee needs to schedule public meeting.

Ordinance for White Pine Mecosta Loop Trail (formerly CSX Trail): McNeal asked for an ordinance for the White Pine Mecosta Loop Trail (formerly CSX Trail) to impose fines for motorized vehicles using the trail. The trail is non-motorized and is being used by motorized vehicles causing some damage to the trail.

Reports:

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: Austin Township meeting, Resolution for American Recovery dollars allocation.

2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Received both of the Lucas 3 Machines. Attended a grant seminar last week. Had another CPR save last Sunday. Second time the new monitor has brought someone back. Call volume has plateaued some. Working on lights pack for new rescue vehicle and wrap package for exterior from a vendor in Big Rapids. Need to order cabinet for back for organization of supplies.
3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: FAC held a meeting last week. Reviewed two projects in depth: Air Compressor at Station One – proposal to purchase and install new 80-gallon compressor at station one and remove and reinstall existing compressor at station two; install plumbing lines for the compressor at both stations. Total estimated cost for new compressor and installation is \$3800. Rope Rescue Equipment for specialized situations. One of our captains is trained in rope rescue and can offer training for rope rescues. Cost for rope rescue equipment is approximately \$1700.
4. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: No report.
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Collected 93% of summer taxes. We received a portion of the ARPA funds. Working on winter tax newsletter. Wants to discuss proposed changes to policy manual.
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: McNeal shared the invoice to run feed for baler at recycling center. Total invoice is \$1280.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Public Hearing agenda item for next week's agenda.
8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: Will cover box at river park. Delivered picnic table to station one. Needs stained.

Public Comments:

Alan Sackett requested that we inquire about why the Verizon cell tower on 9 Mile Road is not operational.

Adjourn: 11:29 am

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McNeal
Morton Township Clerk