

**Minutes**  
**MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 9, 2021, 9:00 AM**  
**Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge by Supervisor Mark Klumpp at 9:00 am**

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

**Three public citizens present.**

**Public Comments:**

None.

**New Business:**

McNeal brought up several recycling Items – floor mats, plastic curtains in drive-through area, staffing, loose office paper, selling of cardboard bales, additional baler. Ordering floor mats and ordering additional baler will be included in the agenda for next week’s MTBT board meeting for approval.

Township General Assessing Policy needs to be approved as a resolution. Resolution will be on next week’s agenda.

Group Health Ordinance resolution will be updated to eliminate 90-day waiting requirement for new employees receiving health benefits and included on board meeting agenda for next week.

Tax-Foreclosed Property Title Transfer letter was prepared by Wolfe. Copy needs to be sent to clerk’s office for filing.

Resolution R-211214 Resolution to Formally Terminate the Morton Township 401A’s and Replace the Current Program with a 457B Plan

Klumpp is going to work on pricing for fencing at new gazebo at township hall and fence by the township office.

Klumpp discussed the need for a water well at the recycling center. Received a quote for over \$100k to install.

**Unfinished Business:**

Commission Appointments need to be an agenda item for December 14, 2021, meeting.

Road Projects will be discussed at COW Meeting January 4, 2022.

Wolfe commented that we have not received an invoice from CLPOC for paving Valley Court.

**Reports:**

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: Met with Tim Nestle at MCRC a couple of weeks ago to discuss paving of bike trails. MCRC will be starting to work on Pierce Road next year. Road projects will cost an estimated 30% more than last year. Will schedule a meeting with Austin Twp in January to discuss planning for bike lanes (grants available). Will be working on grant applications in January. Installed signs on Pine Grove and White Pine Loop Trails indicating they are non-motorized trails.
2. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Asking board to consider up to 4 sets of turn out gear. 2 sets are expiring at the end of the month. 2 new people don’t have gear fit for them. \$2475 per set. \$9900 for 4 sets. 6 sets of multi-mission gear \$977 each for a total of \$5862. Working on an order for 3-season jackets. Purchased Covid home test kits for \$17 each. Total \$34. Sutherby wants to purchase 20 home kits. Two possibly three of our 20+ years have stepped away from the department. Wants to purchase retired badge and plaque for those members. Emergency responders are experiencing Covid fatigue. Grant period is open for new grants.
3. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: No report.

4. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Klumpp will be writing a year-end review report. Will send to board members.
5. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Point-n-Pay is live and working for credit/debit cards for payments. Guest network does not work right now. Need to purchase router for approximately \$400. Winter tax collection 13%. 4 Valley Court landowners have paid for special assessment. Valley Court did not go on tax bill. Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth SAD is on the tax bill.
6. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: McNeal and Deputy Clerk Diane Williamson both have completed continuing education for elections for 2020-2021. McNeal contacted an electrician about a charging station for Station Two.
7. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Planning Commission recommends to MTBT a Special Use Permit for a Motocross Park. Must wait until property is purchased and a Class B Site Plan is submitted. Property also needs to be fenced and a dirt berm installed between park and residential homes on either side of the park. Discussed potential trail ordinance, setbacks for solar energy systems, and changing verbiage on putting storage buildings on parcels less than 20,000 ft. Discussed food vendor ordinances.
8. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: No report.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjourn at 11:25**