

Unapproved Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 9:00 AM
Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge

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

Public Comments: Dave Lewis commented that the spray block for Gypsy Moth spraying is larger than we anticipated or budgeted for. Do we have plans for addressing the issue?

New Business:

Election Drop Box and Camera: Legislation is being proposed to require municipalities to have designated secure drop boxes for election materials being returned. Clerk and her staff would be the only people able to access the box and the box may also be required to have camera surveillance.

Meeting to Discuss ARPA Funds: Need to schedule a meeting to discuss ARPA funds spending. Will schedule board meeting and town hall meeting. Board meeting will be March 22, 2022, at 9:00 am.

Employee Benefits – Years of Service: Recognition for years of service needs to be listed in the personnel manual as an employee benefit. Supervisor will work on adding this to our personnel manual.

Unfinished Business:

Water Well at Recycle Center: Fire chief working on cost.

Fence for New Gazebo: Supervisor will work on getting bids.

Road Projects: Clerk will ask MCRC to quote several projects so we can decide what projects to do for the next two years.

Township Pension Plan: Proposed changes to the pension plan have been provided.

IT Support Bids: Due this Friday. One contractor has done a thorough walk through and will be providing a bid.

Recycling Items:

Heating – radiant heat?

Open tomorrow? No.

Forklift - forklift needs repair. Had forklift serviced when initially purchased. Recent service call report indicates there are a lot more problems than had initially been reported when forklift was serviced after purchase. Supervisor will call Alta and find out why the difference in reports.

Reports:

1. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: Tax tribunal with Tullymore and MCC is getting wrapped up. Linda Wernette has been added to the assessing department. She is an excellent addition. Working relationship with Building/Zoning Official is going well. Busiest January for home construction that he has seen. He is preparing for March Board of Review. New BOR alternate member is Kelley Reitzel. BOR training is coming up.
2. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: Pleased with how the Building Dept is operating. Receiving many calls for new home construction in 2022. Working on zoning complaints right now. Met with CLPOC with Klumpp and Ratledge to discuss working relationship between Morton Township and CLPOC Architectural Control Committee.
3. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No December meeting. No report.

4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Working on several grants. Ended 2021 with 756 calls for service.
5. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: Call volume is a significant increase from years past. 2019 had 652 calls. 2020 was 594 calls.
6. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Working on year end review. Will be done by the end of January.
7. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Tax collection to date is 50% collected for winter and 96% for summer. Will have budget adjustments for next Tuesday's meeting.
8. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Clerk shared the new township logo and will be coordinating a shirt order for board and staff.
9. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: No December meeting. No report.
10. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: No report.

Public Comments: None.

Adjourn at 10:12 am.