**Unapproved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

**April 12, 2022, 7:00 pm Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge by Supervisor Mark Klumpp at 6:34 pm.**

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

25 public citizens were present.

**Public Comments:**

Marlene Clinansmith shared her concern regarding the Blue Lake Motel. Have heard that it is a halfway house. She spoke with Sheriff Miller.

Anita Farrar requested consideration for the library’s LED lighting project with ARPA funds.

Sandy Brogan spoke on behalf of the Tri-Lakes Association. She provided the board of trustees members with complimentary copies of The Michigan Riparian.

Scott Stoney commented on the Blue Lake Motel and the blight that is entrapping us in the area. He is hoping that we could come to some type of resolution that can make something happen.

Ben Alt commented on the Blue Lake Tavern and the safety concerns with that site and the Blue Lake Motel.

Jay Benevigna concurred with the previous comments regarding the Blue Lake Motel and the Blue Lake Tavern.

Julia Harris supported what is being said this evening.

Sue Reed also supported the comments that are being made.

Don Miller commented that there was a 4000–5000-gallon tank that just got buried. Trash from the burnt tavern site is blowing his way.

Supervisor Klumpp updated the attendees with the status of the Blue Lake Tavern. The owner will be demolishing the existing remains of the fire and not rebuilding. He will begin demolition after he receives all the bids from excavators and selects one.

Klumpp also updated the attendees with the status of the Blue Lake Motel. He reached out to the township attorneys and local law enforcement to discuss the status of the motel and what its current use is. He will be following up on advice given to him by the attorney.

The next update was on the party store at the corner of 90th Avenue and M-20. The owners are currently trying to get a liquor license. Once the liquor license is acquired the current building will be demolished and a new building will be built.

The last update from Klumpp was on the sale of the Mecosta Youth Center. He has been researching where the proceeds of the sale have gone to. There have many inquiries as to the sale considering it was financed by local churches and other organizations.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approve Agenda Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Approve minutes of Regular MeetingonTuesday, March 8, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Election Committee Meeting March 8, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss New Hire March 8, 2022 @ 10:15 am

Approve minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss Spending of American Rescue Plan Act Funds Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2022 @ 9:00 am

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda with addition of new full-time administrative assistant hire Jillian Charron by M. Wolfe, second by Y. Bellingar. 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Treasurer’s Report submitted by M. Wolfe.**

**Fund Disbursement:**

Motion to approve bills paid on March 10, 2022, for twenty thousand, two hundred seven and ninety-four cents ($20,207.94), payroll paid on March 31, 2022, for forty-four thousand, nine hundred seventy-two dollars and eighty-seven cents ($44,972.87); bills paid on March 24, 2022, for fifty-eight thousand, thirty dollars and nine cents ($58,030.09) for a total of one hundred twenty-three thousand, two hundred ten dollars and ninety cents ($123,210.90) by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried

**Reports:**

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: No report.
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz: No report.
3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: Meeting help March 16, 2022. Discussed roadside stands and Capital Improvement Plan. Next meeting April 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm.
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: No report.

**New Business:**

1. **Motion to approve 2022-1 Amendment to the Morton Township 457 Plan by M. Wolfe, second by Y. Bellingar. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried.**
2. **Motion to approve changing Gypsy Moths to Spongy Moths in township documents related to Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth Control Special Assessment District by Y. Bellingar, second by J. Ratledge 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**
3. **Motion to approve contracting with Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts for collection and disposal of hazardous waste for the 2022 Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection in the amount of $1000 by S. McNeal, second by M. Wolfe. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried**
4. **Motion to purchase one free-standing drop boxes for election materials to be installed outside of the township hall not to exceed $2000 by S. McNeal, second by M. Klumpp. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes. Motion Carried**
5. **Motion to approve sponsorship of Reuther Summer Concert Series and Village of Mecosta Music on the River Concert Series for $1200 for each series by J. Ratledge, second by Y. Bellingar. Roll call vote: Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes. Motion Carried**
6. **Motion to approve Alta Service Agreement for newly purchased forklift by M. Klumpp, second by M. Wolfe. 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**
7. **Motion to approve R-220412 Resolution Adjusting Budget by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Bellingar, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried**
8. **Motion to approve hiring of new full-time administrative assistant Jill Charron by M. Wolfe, second by M. Klumpp. 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Public Comments:**

Ben Alt commented that he doesn’t want to discriminate but safety is still a concern.

**Announcements: Saturday, May 14, 2022, is Annual Township Clean Up Day**

Discussed ideas for ARPA expenditures.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Adjournment:** 8:10 pm