**Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP 145th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 14, 2022, 7:00 PM Morton Township Hall 290 W. Main St., Mecosta, MI 49332**

**Call to Order Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Mark Klumpp Pledge of Allegiance**

**Seven public citizens present Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge and Stephanie McNeal were present. Yo Bellingar was present by telephone. Motion to Close Regular Meeting by J. Ratledge, second by M. Wolfe. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Motion to open 145th Annual Meeting by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

1. **Motion to approve Minutes of previous Annual Meeting on June 18, 2021, by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**
2. **Motion to approve Regular Meeting dates for 2022/2023 by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**
3. **Motion to approve the date of the next Annual Meeting on June 13, 2023, 7:00 PM by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**
4. **Motion for electors to approve township official’s salary increases for 2022-2023 fiscal year by J. Ratledge, second by M. Klumpp. 9 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Public Comments: Adjourn the 145th Annual Meeting by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**BUDGET HEARING**

**Motion to open the Budget Hearing by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

1. **Discuss Budget: M. Wolfe summarized the proposed budget.**
2. **Public Comments**
3. **Motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing by J. Ratledge, second by M. Wolfe. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Morton Township Board of Trustees**

**Minutes Regular Meeting June 14, 2022**

**Motion to re-open Regular Meeting by M. Klumpp, second by M. Wolfe. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda:**

**Agenda of today’s meeting June 14, 2022, 7:00 PM**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 9:00 am**

**Minutes of Budget #2 Meeting, May 10, 2021 @ 10:00 am**

**Minutes of Special Meeting to Discuss Fire/Rescue Department Budget, Tuesday, May 24, 2022 @ 9:00 am**

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Minutes on June 9, 2022 @ 9:00 am**

**Motion to approve consent agenda by J. Ratledge, second by M. Wolfe. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

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

**Fund Disbursements:**

**Motion to approve payment of bills includes payments on May 11, 2022 for the amount of sixteen thousand, seven hundred seventy-eight dollars and sixty-six cents ($16,778.66); May 25, 2022 for the amount of fifty-seven thousand, two hundred seventy-seven dollars and forty-two cents ($57,277.42); June 6, 2022 for the amount of twenty-one thousand, five hundred twenty-four dollars and fifty-five cents ($21,524.55); and payroll on May 27, 2022 for the amount of thirty-four thousand, nine hundred and nine dollars and twenty-nine cents ($34,909.29) for a grand total of one hundred thirty thousand, four hundred eighty-nine dollars and ninety-two cents ($130,489.92) by M.Wolfe, second by M. Klumpp.**

**Roll Call Vote: Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried**

**Reports:**

1. **Fire and Rescue Run Reports: 64 calls responded to in May.**
2. **Planning Commission: No PC meeting for June. July meeting on July 20, 2022, will be a public hearing to change proposed zoning ordinance language for roadside stands and agricultural buildings.**
3. **Fire Administrative Committee: No meeting was held in May. Next meeting June 21, 2022, at 1:00 pm.**
4. **Recycling: Averaging 200 vehicles per Saturday. Ordering next load of baled cardboard to be picked up next week.**
5. **Recreation Committee: No report.**
6. **River Park: No report.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**None.**

**New Business:**

**Motion to approve Resolution (R-220614), Morton Township Budget Resolution by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve Resolution (R-210608-A), Resolution to Adjust Budget by M. Wolfe, second by M. Klumpp. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, yes; McNeal, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve Resolution (R-220614-B), Financial Institution Resolution by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes. Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve Resolution (R-200614-C), Resolution to Address the Collection of Payments or Refunds on Taxes Over/Under $2.00 by M. Wolfe, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve $4000 payment to Morton Township Library for the literacy program by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. Roll call vote: Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes; Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes.**

**Motion to approve $1900 to Michigan Townships Association for one-year subscription to online unlimited training workshops by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes.**

**Motion to approve 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Meeting Schedule – no action. Already approved.**

**Motion to approve new telephone system by CMS Internet for total cost of $3200 installation and monthly fee of $193.80 by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve survey of township property 5411-002-007-000 for $2750 by Rowe Engineering by S. McNeal, second by M. Wolfe. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve installation of fence on west side parking lot at township hall for $5006.42 by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. Roll call vote: Klumpp, yes; Ratledge, yes; Wolfe, yes; McNeal, yes. Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve acceptance of the $62,500 from Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to be used towards road projects for 2022 by S. McNeal, second by M. Wolfe. Roll call vote: McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Ratledge, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried**

**Motion to not purchase any tax-foreclosed parcels in Morton Township by M. Klumpp, second by J. Ratledge. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve L-4029 2022 Tax Rate Request by M. Wolfe, second by S. McNeal. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**Correspondence: Letter from State of Michigan regarding Holiday Terrace**

**Announcements: School Election Invoice, Reith-Riley, Community Service Workers**

**Public Comments:**

**Larry Bunker commented that he doesn’t understand the purpose of the roadside stand ordinance.**

**Motion to adjourn by M. Klumpp, second by S. McNeal. 4 ayes, 0 nays Motion Carried**

**NOTE: 1 Public Comments are encouraged. For the benefit of the Township Clerk taking the minutes and to conduct an orderly meeting with maximum participation, please stand to be recognized by the chair, speak to be heard, state your name, address and make your comments. The Public Comments-brief period is limited to three (3) minutes.**

**During Public Comments, the time limit is for one-time recognition of each person - transfer of time to another or accumulation of time because of group action is not permitted.**

**If the Township Board Members are questioned generally or specifically, the question will only be answered if a Board Member indicates their desire to answer by requesting recognition by the Chair.**

**Disruptive behavior, swearing, improper language, arguing, or discussion between attendees without proper recognition is prohibited.**

**NOTE: 2 MEETING AGENDA PARTICIPATION**

**If attendees or township property owners or residents desire to place an item on the Agenda, they must do so through a Township Board Member, for receipt by the Township Clerk or Board Secretary, by noon the last Friday of the month, before the first Tuesday Committee of the Whole Meeting. When items are included on the Agenda by non-Township Board Members, they will be given a reasonable time for presentation and questions of Board Members.**