**Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 9:00 AM Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge at 9:00 am Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge and Stephanie McNeal were present. Yo Bellinger is absent.**

Three public citizens were present.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Reports:**

1. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: No report.
2. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: No report.
3. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report.
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Discussed officer stipends with officers. Submitted document showing suggestions for increasing stipends. Call volume remains high. Having difficulties staffing daytime shift workers. $15,000 per year to have two additional days staffing at fire station. Asking board to consider two additional days of staffing. Did not receive AAA grant.
5. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: Met June 21, 2022. FAC discussed adopting International Fire Code (IFC). Committee supports concept of drafting and adopting an ordinance to enforce the IFC. Fire Chief submitted document highlighting advantages of adopting the IFC. Scheduled work session for Cost Recovery Ordinance July 19, 2022, at 9:00 am.

Created four-prong approach to address mental health issues with fire/rescue staff.

4 prongs: Pastoral Support, Peer Review Group Meetings, Critical Incident Stress Management Team (county-wide team, four of our department members are part of the team), Specialized Counseling for First Responders (Employee Assistance Program)

**New Business:**

Consumers Energy Grant: Discuss at recreation committee meeting.

Life Insurance: Lerner will put together a proposal for supplemental life insurance.

**Unfinished Business:**

Capital Improvement Plan Changes: Approve changes on July 12, 2022, meeting.

Strategic Plan Changes: MTBT continuing to update.

Fire/Rescue Officer Stipend Increase: Discussed during Fire Chief report. Agenda item for July 12, 2022, meeting.

Policy Manual Proposed Changes: Office Hours; ARPA Funds; Employee and Board Recognition, Service Awards and Longevity: Need to schedule a meeting to review.

Fence at Township Hall: 4-6 weeks to installation

Youth Center: Supervisor is moving forward with getting answers to our letter.

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Zoning issues.
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Tax items.
3. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: “Fix it” items @ township hall, cardboard bale pickups and mowing at business park.
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Planning Commission items.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: No report.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjourn: 11:30 am**