**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 3, 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, Stephanie McNeal, Jeff Ratledge and Yo Bellingar were all present.**

**Three public citizens were present.**

**Public Comments:**

Dave Lewis commented that the Tri-Lakes Association will be holding their meeting here on August 11, 2022 @ 7:30 pm. He has seen a noticeable difference in the presence of spongy moths’ infestation.

**Reports:**

1. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: No report.
2. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: No report (see Supervisor’s report for building and zoning update).
3. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report.
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Review proposed cost recovery ordinance. Took ordinance to fire chief’s meeting to get some input. Supervisor directed fire chief to continue working on our ordinance so the board has something to approve and could possibly make modifications if needed after he has more input from the other fire chiefs. Sale of rescue 2 didn’t work out. Supervisor directed fire chief to re-advertise that the vehicle is for sale. Department is installing 911 signs as they are being sold.
5. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: Did not meet in July. No report.

**New Business:**

**Unfinished Business:**

New Phone System – Review Minor Changes: Approve amended quote at August 9, 2022 board meeting.

Strategic Plan Changes: Schedule special meeting in October to update plan.

Policy Manual Proposed Changes: Office Hours; ARPA Funds; Employee and Board Recognition, Service Awards and Longevity: Schedule special meeting in October to update plan.

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Served ticket to 8120 Carriage Lane and gave ticket to the court. August 25, 2022, court date. There is another issue on Kilkenny Court in Canadian Lakes that our zoning administrator and health department are working on. Do we want the third brining from the MCRC? Yes, in September if needed. Mark and the zoning administrator went out and looked at the property off 80th and most property owners are encroaching on the township’s property. They spoke to a few of the property owners when they were there and most seemed reasonable. Rowe survey will be finishing the surveys this week. Village of Mecosta officials are wanting more enforcement from our zoning administrator. There is some confusion as to what ordinance(s) are to be followed. CLPOC Board of Directors is requesting a special meeting to discuss zoning enforcement. They have been asked to attend our regular board meeting.
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Two road projects that were completed came in under what was budgeted. Did bench get put out at river park?
3. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Health insurance benefits renewal meeting, camera estimate on agenda for regular board meeting August 9, 2022, planning commission appointment.
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Last month’s planning commission meeting/public hearing went well. Planning commission now has the job to come up with the right language for roadside stands in the zoning ordinance. The planning commission approved an Agricultural Building Permit and Affidavit to be sent to the board of trustees for approval. Discussed planning commission members.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: No ZBA meetings. Installation of bench at river park?

**Public Comments:** Dave Lewis asked the clerk to notify him of election inspector training opportunities for the November election.

**Motion by M. Klumpp to go into closed sessions to discuss potential pending litigation, second by M. Wolfe. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried**

**Motion by M. Klumpp to open the meeting, second by M. Wolfe. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried**

**Motion to adjourn at 11:36 am by M. Klumpp, second by Y. Bellingar. 5 ayes, o nays Motion Carried**