**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 1, 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, Yo Bellingar, Jeff Ratledge and Stephanie McNeal were present.**

**Four public citizens were present.**

**Public Comments: None.**

**Reports:**

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: Update on bike lanes and signs. Discussed SPARK Grant from State of Michigan (MiGrants). Ideas for development of potential property: pickle ball court, multi-use facility, playground project, farmers market. Handed out information about the Spark Grant. Also paving mile bike/walking trail could be a possibility for the use of Spark Grant funds. Recreation Plan needs to be updated. Need a public meeting to do that.
2. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: Beginning setting values for next year’s assessment. Collaboration with building department has been outstanding.
3. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: No report.
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Sealed bids for purchase of air packs were reviewed by supervisor and fire chief. Presented acceptance letter for bid to board of trustees. Chaplain expenses to date are $257 per department (10 participating departments). Need budget going forward for annual costs. 10 new people of department need three-season jackets. Tires need to be replaced on engine one. Weekly webinar with state Fire Marshall on Wednesdays. State has a $1 million budget for smoke detectors this year. Will be doing community outreach for smoke detector education and installation.
5. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: FAC did not meet in October. There is a lengthy list of items from the September meeting that need to be addressed.

**New Business:**

Insurance for Fire Department: Will renew in June 2023.

**Unfinished Business:**

Dates for APRA Bids and Meeting: Public Hearing January 10, 2022 @ 10 am

Long Range Planning Document: Will approve Morton Township Updated Strategic Plan in February.

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Fence at township hall will be done today. Updated on Kilkenny issue. Farmers market location discussion.
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Working on winter tax bills. Attended MTA conference. Paid all road projects for the year. We were $60,242 under what was budgeted. Xerox gave us a new quote for combining printers and adding color into one printing machine.
3. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Election update, CLPOC, Remus DDA meeting, cemetery trees, applied for $1500 reimbursement from state of Michigan for security cameras for election drop box.
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Planning Commission update: roadside stands, class B site plans, new members.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: Attended MTA meeting.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjourn:** 11:32 am.