**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 9:00 AM Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge at 9:01 am Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge, Yo Bellingar and Stephanie McNeal were present. Three public citizens were present.**

**Public Comments:** None.

**Reports:**

1. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: Inflation rate published in October. County sales study is running 41%. No signs of a price slow down. New software is running excellent. Spending a lot of time doing field work.
2. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: Blue Lake Tavern is finally getting demolished. Denslow’s Market should be demolished soon. Approved three commercial site plans for new businesses. Kilkenny house is currently being cleaned up.
3. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: Met last week and spent a lot of time discussing the 21 acres off 80th Avenue to create recreational opportunities.
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Fire prevention days set up with Mecosta Elementary on the 13th and 20th of October. Had a risk management assessment from our insurance carrier. Shared results of the assessment at the Fire Admin Committee meeting last week. Engine One was repaired last week at CSI.
5. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: Included in Allen’s report.

**New Business:**

Insurance Renewal: Ken Lind from EMC Insurance presented information for our annual insurance renewal. Agenda item for regular meeting October 11, 2022.

Planning Commission Vacancy: Steve Brandt’s resignation was accepted by the board.

Morton Township Cemetery Property: McNeal will order survey of the property.

Fire/Rescue Training: McNeal reached out to fire/rescue staff to encourage them to attend the training scheduled for October 12th to be held at the township hall from 6:30 to 9:30 pm with dinner at 6:00.

Ordinance for Special Assessment Requests: An ordinance needs to be drafted to regulate special assessment requests. One project at a time and not exceeding $150,000.

**Unfinished Business:**

CLPOC: We continue to extend an invite to meet with the Canadian Lakes Property Owners Corporation Board of Directors. Our board of trustees is willing to meet at a special meeting or a regularly scheduled meeting.

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Reviewed annual audit, village took back their zoning administration, update on sale of youth center.
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: 95% collected for summer, 34 of 39 foreclosed parcels sold at auction this year.
3. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Election update.
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Planning Commission update: table roadside stands topic and approved three class b site plans.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: No ZBA meetings currently scheduled.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjourn: 11:26 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk