**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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, Jeff Ratledge, Yo Bellingar and Stephanie McNeal were present. Maureen Wolfe attended by telephone. Public Comments: None.**

**Tim Nestle, Mecosta County Road Commission – 2023 Road Project Priority List:**

Distributed Pazer Rating. Recommends crack seal 3 miles of 80th Avenue (9 Mile to 6 Mile), paving 75th Avenue at village limit and paving Forest Pines Drive depending on budget. Recommends 7 Mile from Madison to 80th Avenue for crack seal in 2024.

**Reports:**

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report.
2. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: Finishing up new construction for this year. Record numbers for construction this year.
3. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: Gas station on corner of 90th and M20 will begin construction soon. Court date with Carriage Lane owner is tomorrow.
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: Distributed reports showing runs for 2022 and reports comparing numbers for the last three years.

Replacement tires for Engine One – getting revised quotes.

1. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: No report.

**New Business:**

Building Department Proposal: Discussed positives and negatives and potential changes for the township including staffing, salaries etc.

Shredder Pricing: Clerk submitted cost of shredder recently purchased by the City of Big Rapids. She will procure comparable pricing from two other companies.

Approve new Third-Party Administrator (TPA): Lerner recommends changing to Michigan Pension and Financial.

**Unfinished Business:**

Building Code Amended Ordinance: Done.

Dangerous Building Code: Supervisor named hearing officer. Attorney will schedule a hearing.

Township/Village/CHSD Properties: Supervisor attended village meeting last night. Village will post a public hearing to consider sale of their property to the township.

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Discussed correspondence.
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: 49% of winter taxes collected to date.
3. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: None.
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: Class B Site Plan changes, Roadside Stand Definition and Roadside Standing Parking need to be added to next week’s agenda for approval.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: None.

**Public Comments:**  None.

**Adjourn at 10:45 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk