**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 9:00 AM Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge at 9:00 am by Supervisor Klumpp Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Yo Bellingar, Stephanie McNeal were all present. Jeff Ratledge was present by telephone.**

Three public citizens present including Fire Chief Allen Sutherby and County Commissioner Linda Howard. **Public Comments:** None.

**Reports:**

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report.
2. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: BOR organizational meeting at 3:00 pm today. Additional BOR meetings next week.
3. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: Carriage Lane clean up cost was just over $10,000. No progress has been made on the Kilkenny Project. Updates on M-20/90th Avenue gas station project and Blue Lake Motel.
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: 38 calls in February. 3 fire calls included in total. Clean up of Stations One and Two is ongoing. ISO is visiting next week. Hover Craft team details are still being put together.
5. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: Report in new business.

**New Business:**

MTA Legislative Day Recap: Klumpp, Bellingar and McNeal shared what they learned at Legislative Day in Lansing on March 1, 2023.

Fire Millage Renewals: Housing and Equipment needs to be renewed before 2024 summer tax bills. Operating goes through 2025.

Fire Admin Committee Equipment Recommendations: Updated FAC recommendations. Will have agenda items for MTBT by Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Meeting with FSU Students Monday, March 13, 2023 @ 9:00 am: Will meet with FSU students next week to discuss project for proposed recreation ideas on township property.

**Unfinished Business:**

Front Office Remodel Update: McNeal updated costs and progress of current project.

Road Projects: Received estimates for Forest Pines Drive and 80th Avenue from 6 to 9 Mile.

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Updated proposed land purchases.
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Tax collection done. 98% of summer and 96% of winter have been paid. Budget adjustments on next week’s agenda.
3. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Proposing a second Absentee Voter Counting Board to separate precincts one and two. Getting cost of additional tabulator. Attending third and final year of MAMC Clerk’s Institute in Mt. Pleasant March 19-24, 2023.
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: No PC meeting in February. There will be a PC meeting on March 15, 2023 @ 5:30 pm. Three members went to planning training last month.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: Branches down at the river park. Contacting community service workers to help clean up.

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Howard updated the board on some county items. The county has hired a building official.

**Adjourn:** 10:21 am

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk