**Unapproved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 9:00 AM Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

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

**Eight public citizens were present.**

**Public Comments: None.**

**Reports:**

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: No report.
2. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: No report.
3. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: No report.
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: 68 calls for September, updated fire/rescue dept happenings.

Two vendors presenting exhaust removal systems.

1. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: Reviewed spreadsheets for additional staffing for fire dept.

**New Business:**

Letter of Resignation – agenda item for next week

Appointment of New Deputy Clerk

Planning Commission RFP - agenda item for next week

Liability Insurance Renewal - agenda item for next week

**Unfinished Business:**

Fire Dept Staffing – discussion included financial aspects of adding an additional full-time fire dept staff person.

**Motion to approve posting of a full-time fire/rescue department position by J. Ratledge, seconded by Y. Bellingar. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carries**

Updated and reviewed equipment replacement cycle and equipment needs.

Property Purchase- discussed survey results

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: Carriage Lane update, solar panels, School Section Lake wake boats
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: Summer tax collection ended, SAD for Tri-Lakes private roads
3. Stephanie McNeal, Clerk: Insurance information and quote for plowing
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: 2024 Reuther Concert Series, recommending to board of trustees to approve special use permit at next week’s meeting, Hamilton special use permit rejected, zoning ordinance change on next week’s agenda, gravel at recycling quote on next week's agenda, Jeff and Gary Moore are attending a planning commission training.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: No report.

**Public Comments:** Larry Bunker asked a question about driveway permits.

**Adjourn: 10:47 am**