**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 5:30 pm Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Stanwood MI 49346**

**Call to Order/Pledge by M. Klumpp at 5:30pm**

**Roll Call: M. Wolfe, M. Klumpp, Y. Bellinger, J. Ratledge, C. Courtright**

**Public Comments: 6 public persons present.**

**Tom Kunse, State representative, wanted to introduce himself as he makes rounds in townships in his district.**

**Sandy Brogan wanting to discuss the spongy moth assessment and suggest the board consider a survey Fall 2024 to assess the need for continued treatment.**

**Consent Agenda:**

Approve Agenda Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

Approve minutes of Regular MeetingonTuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 9:00 am

Approve Fund Disbursement: Bills paid on November 14, 2023, for thirty-two thousand, three hundred ninety dollars and ninety-six cents ($32,390.96); November 21, 2023, for one hundred eleven thousand, two hundred ninety-eight dollars and forty-seven cents ($111,298.47); Payroll dated November 28, 2023, for thirty-four thousand, eight hundred eighty-nine dollars and nine cents ($34,889.09); checks dated November 28, 2023, for forty-seven thousand, nineteen dollars and sixty-nine cents ($47,019.69); and bills paid on November 30, 2023, for six thousand, twenty-six dollars and eighty-four cents ($6,026.84) for a grand total of two hundred thirty-one thousand, six hundred twenty-five dollars and five cents ($231,625.05).

Treasurer’s Report:

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda by M. Wolfe, seconded by Y. Bellinger. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

**Reports:**

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: AED replacements and new one for library, Chief will look for grant.
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz: no report
3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: Next meeting Dec 20, 2023. They will be opening bids for Master plan and make their suggestion to board.
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: no meetings

**New Business:**

1. **Motion to approve hiring a new Fire/Rescue full-time person by M. Klumpp, seconded by J. Ratledge. roll call: M. Klumpp- yes, J. Ratledge- yes, Y. Bellinger-yes, M. Wolfe- yes, C. Courtright-yes. Motion carried.**
2. **Motion to approve Morton Township Committee appointments by M. Klumpp, seconded by Y. Bellinger. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. **Motion to approve payment procedure for Fire Chief on after hours calls which entails paying a flat annual amount equal to 5.5% of his salary by M. Klumpp, seconded by J. Ratledge. roll call: M. Klumpp- yes, Y. Bellinger- yes, J. Ratledge- yes, M. Wolfe- yes, C, Courtright- yes. Motion carried.**
2. **Motion to pay Allen Sutherby for unused vacation time for 2023 totaling 152 hours by M. Klumpp, seconded by J.Ratledge. roll call: M. Klumpp- yes, J. Ratledge- yes, M. Wolfe- no, Y. Bellinger- yes, C. Courtright-yes. Motion carried.**

**Reports by Township Board Members:**

**Jeff had questions about campground expansion at School Section. Recycling of shrink wrap-citizen reached out. He is looking into it.**

**Maureen informed Gilbert Carpet to finish copy room Friday. Verify closing Jan 1 and 2 for the New Year holiday. Discussed who may be able to take shredding over to Recycle building.**

**Mark discussed MCDC and the position he accepted. Spongy moth-will get pricing in January for 3rd year. Road commission projects he will follow up with Tim Nestle on projects and come back in January with final options.**

**Public Comments: Larry Bunker concerned with fence ordinances.**

**Announcements: none**

**Correspondence:none**

**Adjournment: 6:36pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Camie Courtright

Morton Township Clerk

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