**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 9:00 AM Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge at 9:00 am Roll Call: Maureen Wolfe, Mark Klumpp, Camie Courtright, Yo Bellinger. Jeff Ratledge called in. Public Comments: 5 public in attendance. Sandy Brogan wants board to consider allowing Zoom for meetings for the people that cannot be here in person. Myle Turpen would like meetings to be recorded. Linda Howard, county commissioner, has information for the recycle meetings happening in Mt Pleasant and county commissioner position changing to 4 year term. Jim Parker opposes RV Park and supports Zoom option for meetings.**

**Reports:**

1. Art Diehm, Recreation Committee-purchase of a pole saw, cleaning up Pine Grove, updated bike trail map, Altona dam being removed this spring, update recreation plan (want bids on recreation plan). Clean up needs to be done on 80th Avenue property.
2. Seth Lattimore, Assessor-none
3. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning-on vacation
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief-46 calls for January. Kurt is getting acclimated and doing some online classes. The exhaust removal system is getting installed next week. Decals for hovercraft and side by side being applied tomorrow.
5. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee-by Chief. Consider replacing old recliners and purchase of new masks, adding Dewalt tools.

**New Business:**

Cory Zandstra’s proposal-In office one day a week and a new salary.

**Unfinished Business:**

Master Plan bids-Jeff Cross says plans have been reviewed and ready to recommend.

Road Commission Projects 2024/25-Five chip/seal projects for next year. Will add the next four jobs for crack/seal on list for 2025.

Morton Township Personnel Manual-some updates in language throughout

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor-Requests have been made to change meeting formats. Our lawyer advises against Zoom. The school has been reserved for the upcoming Planning Commission meeting for potentially large group of public that we anticipate to attend.
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer-97% collected for winter taxes, diaper changing station here for one of restrooms. Need a resolution to appoint tax payment designees.
3. Camie Courtright, Clerk-Election Commission meeting and Public Accuracy Testing today. New changes coming after February 13th-16-year-olds can pre- register to vote. AV counting boards are no longer sequestered and area is public.
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee-Speedtech contracts for recycling equipment. He will forward those to us. Cook rezoning request-no response as they haven’t submitted the info back that planning commission requested from him. Application from Mortensen for both lots changed from R4 to R1 and will need to go on agenda as planning commission has recommended we pass.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee-cleanup will be needed in spring at river park.

**Public Comments: Larry Bunker wondering if we have looked at fence ordinances. Jeff Ratledge said it’s on planning commission agenda.**

**Jim Parker pleading to board to not approve rezoning request for RV Park application.**

**Dave Lewis feels like big projects/topics are brought up in winter months when people are not here.**

**Myle Turpen thanks recreation committee for clean, nice walking area on trails. Master plan and RV Park-how does this development affect that plan?**

**Adjourn: at 10:26am**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Camie Courtright, Clerk**