**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 9:00 AM Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge: 9:00 am Roll Call: Maureen Wolfe, Mark Klumpp, Yo Bellinger, Camie Courtright. Jeff Ratledge not present. Public Comments: none, 4 members of public present**

**Reports:**

1. Joe Lisuzzo, Recreation Committee: Art Diehm spoke on the clean up on new property, planting some trees possibly, drafting letters to state reps on finishing bike trail loop. Possibly see if Rowe could add on recreation plan to master plan.
2. Seth Lattimore, Assessor: none
3. Cory Zandstra, Building and Zoning: Cory not present but updated Mark on the stop order for M-20 Party Store operating a pizza kitchen without approval.
4. Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief: 47 calls in February. Fast response with a hovercraft call last week. The exhaust system install at fire station has begun and should last a week and a half.
5. Joe Lanz, Fire Administrative Committee: Chief updated on chassis repair they have been waiting on. Grant money remaining that needs to be spent (a dryer for gear is top of list)

**New Business:**

Posting for Zoning officer position: discussed potential hours a week and pay rate. Post on website and Facebook and publish in paper. Mark will work on the posting.

Posting for upcoming township board vacancies: Maureen will be retiring so word needs to get out that we are looking for a treasurer.

Mecosta County Sheriff-canine support: request may be coming around to help support new canine and training by purchasing a service.

Budget Adjustments: Fire rescue a couple adjustments, Election adjustments.

**Unfinished Business:**

Review recycle contracts: Speedtech offers a monthly service. Speedtech and Rightman also offer Preventative Maintenance twice a year.

Ken Lind coming in to discuss LTD coverage for Full-time fire staff: discussed options and board needs to find out if our LTD plan will accept firefighters

**Reports:**

1. Mark Klumpp, Supervisor: We received letter from a citizen about RV park.
2. Maureen Wolfe, Treasurer: tax collection ended last week. 97% collected.
3. Camie Courtright, Clerk: updated on last week’s election
4. Jeff Ratledge, Trustee: updated us via zoom on recycle center. Mark said they had a request for some new shirts for workers at recycle.
5. Yo Bellingar, Trustee: Clean up needed for some down limbs at park.

**Public Comments: Dave Lewis-thanked chief for help on election day.**

**Adjourn: 10:07 am**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Camie Courtright, Clerk**