**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 9:00 am Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge @ 9:00am**

**Roll Call: Maureen Wolfe, Mark Klumpp, Yo Bellinger, Jeff Ratledge, Camie Courtright**

**Public Comments: None**

**The board recognized through proclamation Morton Township resident, Natalie Gibson, and her state champion title in wrestling.**

**Consent Agenda:**

Approve Agenda Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Regular MeetingonTuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday March 5, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Approve Fund Disbursement: Bills paid on February 14, 2024, for thirteen thousand six hundred eleven dollars and thirty-seven cents. ($13,611.37); bills paid on February 20, 2024, for thirty-four thousand three hundred twenty dollars and twenty-seven cents. ($34,320.27); Payroll dated February 26,2024, for thirty-eight thousand eight hundred seventy-four dollars and fifty-five cents. ($38,874.55); Payroll dated February 29, 2024 for four thousand seventy-eight dollars and fifty cents. ($4,078.50); ACH transfer USDA Rural Development Bond Repayment on March 1, 2024, for one hundred twenty thousand two hundred thirty-six dollars and sixty-six cents. ($120,236.66); Bills paid on March 5, 2024, for forty-nine thousand two hundred seventy-three dollars and forty-nine cents. ($49,273.49) for a grand total of two hundred sixty thousand three hundred ninety-four dollars and eighty-four cents ($260,394.84).

Treasurer’s Report:

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Y. Bellinger, support by J. Ratledge. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

**Reports:**

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: Equipment grant for FEMA submitted, other grants opened up and looking into them.
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz: none
3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: no report(was absent from last meeting)
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: Reached out to Rowe to see if recreation plan could be tied in with Master plan.

**New Business:**

1. **Motion to approve the service contract with Speed-Tech for the recycling center equipment at $315 a month for a 2 year contract by J.Ratledge, support by M. Klumpp. Ratledge-yes, Klumpp-yes, Bellinger-yes, Courtright-yes, Wolfe-yes. Motion carried.**
2. **Motion to approve Resolution (R-240312) adjustments to the budget by M. Wolfe, support by Y. Bellinger. Wolfe-yes, Bellinger-yes, Klumpp-yes, Ratledge-yes, Courtright-yes. Motion carried.**
3. **Motion to approve the purchase of a dryer for the fire station using the remainder of FEMA funds not to exceed $9000 by M. Klumpp, support by C. Courtright. Klumpp-yes, Courtright-yes, Wolfe-yes, Bellinger-yes, Ratledge-yes. Motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business:**

M. Wolfe brought up issues with LTD benefit requirements with hours and eligibility now that Jillian and Diane were 36 hours vs 40 hours a week.

C. Courtright brought up FOIA request from a lawyer asking for RV Park application, supporting documents and all correspondence and the best way to provide that information.

J. Ratledge talked about the upcoming clean up day in May and the need for scrappers.

Hazardous waste program request for donations will be on agenda next month.

**Reports by Township Board Members:**

C.Courtright mentioned we need to do resolution for salaries in April.

M.Wolfe brought up a concern a citizen had on special assessment and asked if the board would like to take bids for lawn care this year or snowplowing for next winter.

**Public Comments: Linda Howard – Village of Mecosta has received an application for medical/recreational marijuana facility.**

**Announcements: None**

**Correspondence: None**

**Adjournment: 10:30am**