**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 5:30 pm Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332**

**Call to Order/Pledge @5:30**

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

**Public Comments:4 members of public present**

**Myle Terpen-Concerns with people using phones during meetings and posting only “snippets”. She encourages the board to reconsider recording.**

**Sandy Brogan-has Riparian magazine copies for board.**

**Consent Agenda:**

Approve Agenda Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm

Approve minutes of Regular MeetingonTuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday February 6, 2024, at 9:00 am

Approve minutes of election Commission meeting on February 6, 2024, at 11:00 am

Approve Fund Disbursement: Bills paid on January 9, 2024, for sixteen thousand four hundred eleven dollars and seventy-two cents ($16,411.72); bills paid on January 26, 2024, for forty-eight thousand seven hundred eighty-nine dollars and thirty-five cents ($48,789.35); Payroll dated January 29,2024, thirty-nine thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars and forty-one cents ($39,894.41); for a grand total of one hundred five thousand ninety-five dollars and forty-eight cents ($105,095.48).

Treasurer’s Report:

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda.** by M. Wolfe, support by Y. Bellinger. (Need to correct a public comment name in COW meeting minutes.) 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

**Reports:**

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: testing new reporting method.
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz: none
3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: Mortensen pulled rezoning requests.
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: Purchased pole saw to keep parks and trails clean.

**New Business:**

1. **Motion to approve Resolution R-240213, a resolution to appoint a designee for property tax payment By M. Wolfe, support by M. Klumpp. M. Wolfe- Yes, M. Klumpp -Yes, Y. Bellinger -Yes, C. Courtright-yes. Motion carries**
2. **Motion to split the Morton township building/zoning position into two separate positions with Cory Zandstra remaining as the building official for the salary and responsibilities as outlined beginning April 1, 2024, by M. Klumpp, support by M. Wolfe**. **M. Klumpp-Yes, M. Wolfe-Yes, C. Courtright-Yes, Y. Bellinger-yes. Motion carries**
3. **Motion to approve the purchase of 4 medium 3M Scott SCBA masks not to exceed $1,600.00 by M. Klumpp, support by Y. Bellinger. M. Klumpp-Yes, Y. Bellinger-Yes, M. Wolfe-Yes, C. Courtright-Yes. Motion carries**
4. **Motion to approve the purchase of additional DeWalt battery tools for the fire department not to exceed $750.00 Examples of tools - Leaf blowers and chain saws by M. Klumpp, support by C. Courtright. M. Klumpp-Yes, C. Courtright-Yes, M. Wolfe-Yes, Y. Bellinger-Yes. Motion carries**
5. **Motion to replace the two recliners at station 1 with heavy-duty replacements designed for fire stations not to exceed $2500.00 for both chairs (amount amended from $3000.00) by M. Klumpp, support by C. Courtright. M. Klumpp-Yes, C. Courtright-Yes, Y. Bellinger-Yes, M. Wolfe-Yes. Motion carries.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**1.Motion to approve the Master Land Use Plan bid from Rowe in the amount of $24,080 by M. Klumpp, support by Y. Bellinger. M. Klumpp-Yes, Y. Bellinger-Yes, M. Wolfe-Yes, C. Courtright-Yes. Motion carries**

**Reports by Township Board Members:**

**Maureen-LED light project complete at Library. ARPA report due at end of April.**

**Camie-updated on election preparation progress**

**Yo-none**

**Mark-Inquired if zoning ordinance language approved last month got published in paper. Do we want to continue light by former Blue Lake Tavern restaurant?**

**Public Comments: Sandy Brogan-informed board it lists Stanwood as location and not Mecosta on agenda.**

**Announcements: Mark updated about the RV Park process and enlisting legal counsel as we move forward.**

**Last day to pay taxes is tomorrow per Maureen.**

**Correspondence: EGLE copied us on a violation by a parcel owner for backfilling into wetland.**

**Adjournment: 6:04pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Camie Courtright, Clerk**

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