**Approved Minutes**

**MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Call to Order/Pledge @9:01 am**

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

**Public Comments: two public citizens present**

**Consent Agenda:**

Approve Agenda Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Regular MeetingonTuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 9:00 am

Approve Fund Disbursement: Bills paid on December 13, 2023, for twenty- five thousand eight hundred forty-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents ($25,849.38); bills paid on December 21, 2023, for eighteen thousand four hundred ninety-seven dollars and fifty-seven cents ($18,497.57); Payroll dated December 27, 2023, for thirty- nine thousand five hundred forty-six dollars and thirty-four cents ($39,546.34) and twenty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-four dollars and thirty-four cents ($23,754.34); bills paid on December 28, 2023, for forty thousand four hundred eighty-three dollars and fourteen cents ($40,483.14); for a grand total of one hundred forty-eight thousand one hundred thirty dollars and seventy-seven cents($148,130.77).

Treasurer’s Report:

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

**Reports:**

1. Fire/Rescue – Chief Allen Sutherby: Current employee, Lydia Carbone passed EMT course, working on 2023 review
2. Fire Administration Committee – Chairperson J. Lanz: next meeting January 25 at fire station
3. Planning Commission – J. Ratledge: opened Master plan bids at last meeting, next meeting January 17. Working on updating some of the applications to include instructions/timeline for applicant. New email being created for planning commission.
4. Recreation Committee – J. Lisuzzo: meeting January 31 @ 10:00 am

**New Business:**

1. **Motion to approve the Agreement for collection of summer school property taxes with Chippewa Hills School District for 2024. By M. Wolfe, support Y. Bellinger. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.**
2. **Motion to approve Resolution (R-240109) for budget adjustments By M. Wolfe, support by M Klumpp. Roll call: M. Wolfe- yes, M. Klumpp- yes, Y. Bellinger- yes, C. Courtright- yes, J. Ratledge- yes. Motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. **Motion to approve change in zoning ordinance language:** 7.10.C.3.a Setbacks: “In all zoning districts ground mounting solar energy systems shall be located at least 10 feet from any property line and no closer than 50 feet from any public roadway right-of-way.” **by J. Ratledge, support M Klumpp. Roll call: J. Ratledge- yes, M. Klumpp- yes, Y. Bellinger- yes, M. Wolfe- yes, C. Courtright- yes. Motion carried**

**Reports by Township Board Members:**

J. Ratledge updated the board on maintenance contract with Speedtech for balers at recycle center.

Spring cleanup-still waiting for confirmation from Republic on date.

M. Klumpp updated board on road project costs. Two street lights fixed at: 9 mile/90th and Buchanan/ W School Section Lake Dr. Zoning complaint at 8120 Carriage lane for collection of junk again. Message left with Mr. Fate on new commercial building violation with signage.

C. Courtright-absentee ballots in for presidential primary.

M. Wolfe-Winter tax collection in process. W2 and 1099 process starting.

**Public Comments: none**

**Announcements: none**

**Correspondence: none**

**Motion to go into closed session at 9:53 am by M. Klumpp support by M. Wolfe, 5 ayes, 0 nays.**

**Motion to go back into open session at 10:25 am by M. Klumpp support by M. Wolfe, 5 ayes, 0 nays.**

**Adjournment:10:27 am**

Respectfully submitted,

Camie Courtright, Clerk

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