

Approved Minutes
MORTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 9:00 am
Morton Township Hall, 290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332

Call to Order/Pledge at 9:00am by Mark Klumpp

Roll Call: Tracy Snyder, Jeff Ratledge, Mark Klumpp, Camie Courtright. Yo Bellingar absent.

Public Comment: 5 members present.

Juliane Schafer asked about the library's balance sheets.

Consent Agenda:

Approve Agenda Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 am

Approve minutes of Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Approve minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 9:00 am

Approve Fund Disbursement: bills paid on December 10, 2025, for two hundred fifteen thousand three hundred sixteen dollars and ten cents (\$215,316.10); bills paid on December 30, 2025, for seventy-six thousand four hundred seventy-eight dollars and twenty-six cents (\$76,478.26); payroll dated December 31, 2025, for forty-eight thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars and twelve cents (\$48,192.12); Remittance checks dated December 30, 2025, for fourteen thousand one hundred thirty-one dollars and eighteen cents (\$14,131.18); bill dated January 6, 2026, for eighty-six thousand eight hundred seventy-nine dollars and zero cents (\$86,879.00) for a grand total of four hundred forty thousand nine hundred ninety-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$440,996.66).

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve Consent by J. Ratledge, support by C, Courtright. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion carried.

Reports:

1. Fire/Rescue-Chief Sutherby gave a summary of his end of year report. 50/50 DNR grant received for a skid unit for the side by side.
2. Fire Administration Committee-none
3. Planning Commission-J. Ratledge reported the last meeting was discussing ordinances again with legal. Next meeting is January 21 -Rowe will be there also with changes to Master Plan.
4. Recreation Committee-Mark Klumpp reported that the closing on the new 40 acres happened last week. Lorne Beatty walked the donated parcel and said it was very nice and once you get in, you can't really see any homes. Next meeting is tomorrow January 14.

New Business:

1. Motion to hire Cooks Tree Service to remove the tree at the town hall for \$1800 by M. Klumpp, support by J. Ratledge. Roll call: M. Klumpp-yes, J. Ratledge-yes, T. Snyder-yes, C. Courtright-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Reports by Township Board Members:

Tracy Snyder-summer tax collection at 97.01%, winter at 31.26%. BS&A still working on some issues.

Camie Courtright-did a webinar on Friday with BS&A for the end of year wrap up. Hoping to get W2's printed by the end of the week.

Jeff Ratledge- looking at getting coverage for recycle. A couple fire staff are willing to help. Mark Klumpp-updated the board on correspondence with commissioner Zimmerman.

Public Comments: Joe Lisuzzo asked when Prein & Newhof planned to come present.

Announcements: none

Correspondence: none

Adjournment: 9:24 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Camie Courtright, Clerk