

Colfax Township, Mecosta County
14428 157th Ave Big Rapids MI
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2024 7:00 PM

Present: Supervisor Nick Kaye, Treasurer Julie Johansen, Clerk Susan Olson, Trustee Bill Burmeister, Trustee Karen Morningstar. Also present: Commissioner Randy Vetter and 8 others.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Nick Kaye at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Said at the opening of the Annual Meeting at 6:45 PM

Public Comment:

- Representative Tom Kunse, introduced himself and gave his contract information.
- Commissioner Vetter gave a report on the Opioid Settlement that will be distributed in Mecosta County for education and that the Marijuana tax money will be released soon.

Approval of February 21, 2024, Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.
Moved by Johansen, seconded by Kaye. Motion carried.

Approval of February 21, 2024, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Moved by Johansen, seconded by Kaye, Motion carried.

February Financial Report: Accepted as read and placed on file.

Fire Department Report: See attached.

Assessor Report: Reported by Kaye, Board of Review went well. The assessed value of the Agricultural land was the main issue of concern.

Cemetery Report: Cemetery Clerk, Johansen reported that Sexton Randy plans to report at the April 17, 2024, meeting.

Correspondence:

Mecosta Conservation District - requesting a donation for the 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Program. Moved by Kaye, seconded by Olson to donate \$500.00. Roll Call Vote - Kaye, yes; Morningstar, yes; Olson, yes; Burmeister, yes; Johansen, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Cost Recovery Ordinance was read through, and changes were made. Fire Chef Smalley will go through the ordinance one last time. Olson will then bring the revisions back to the Board for final approval. It will then be given to Eric Williams to summarize for publication.

New Business:

A new refrigerator in the Hall kitchen is needed. Moved by Morningstar, seconded by Burmeister to purchase a new refrigerator. Roll Call Vote: Burmeister, yes; Morningstar, yes; Johansen, yes; Kaye, yes; Olson, yes.

Purchasing Policy was discussed and tabled until the April 17 Board Meeting.

Unpaid Fire Runs: The Board decided that the unpaid fire run incidents # 01-2000, # 26-2000, # 29-2000, and # 35-2000 would not be pursued. Fire incident # 02-2023 and # 08-2023 are to be taken to small claims court, by Johansen.

Early Voting Location for August Primary: Moved by Kaye, seconded by Olson to table until after informational Webinar on March 27, 2024.

Mecosta County Road Commission Estimate: Moved by Johansen, seconded by Olson to approve the \$22,261. estimate for the Townline Lake Road Project. Roll Call Vote: Johansen, yes; Olson, yes; Burmeister, yes; Kaye, yes; Morningstar, yes. Motion carried.

Michigan Township Participating Plan Renewal Quote: Changes to the Automobile Schedule and the Inland marine Coverage were suggested. The Board would like quotes both with the old values used and with the new values suggested.

Fire Department Parking Lot Bid Opening: Bids were received from Rogers and Johnson Concrete, Gerber Construction, and Isabella Construction. Moved by Olson, seconded by Johansen to accept the bid from Rogers and Johnson concrete. Roll Call Vote. Johansen, yes; Olson, yes; Kaye, yes; Burmeister, yes; Morningstar, abstained. Trustee Morningstar will write the contract for Board approval.

Olson asked for the MTA "Show Me the Money" workshop fee of \$125 to be paid by the Township for the Deputy Clerk. Moved by Olson, seconded by Burmeister. Roll Call Vote: Olson, Yes; Burmeister, Yes; Kaye, Yes; Morningstar, Yes; Johansen, Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Morningstar, seconded by Johansen to approve Check Numbers 19563 through 19613 and ETF for State and Federal taxes. Total of \$27,311.12

Public Comment: Jeff Peticolas

Moved by Olson, seconded by Kaye to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Kaye at 9:10 PM.

Prepared by,

Susan Olson
Colfax Township Clerk, Mecosta County