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****APPROVED ****

MINUTES: September 1, 2016 Supervisor Darwin Denslow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. Roll call shows present Darwin Denslow, Christina Martin, Audrey Dubois, and Shirley Sprague. Nora Quisenberry was absent and did let the board know ahead of time. 7 visitors also present.

Additions to the agenda: n/a

Assessor's Report: Edward emailed Christina the 47 parcel record cards with photos and sketches. Mike will restore all the work onto the township computer the next time he is in. All the information is backed up on two computers and a flash drive.

Public Comment: Craig Turnbull: Running for Sheridan Township Supervisor/His concerns for our Township. Nola Schlachter: Thank you. The Reflector Signs on 10th Avenue are Correct now. Nola Schlachter asked if the Road Commission's phone number could go on the newsletter? Nola Schlachter: Intersection of 10th Avenue/Arthur Road line of vision is bad. Dar will check on this and let the Road Commission know. Karen Turnbull: Junk ordinances. The Junk Ordinances will be discussed at board comment.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from August 4, 2016 were presented. Changes noted: Under Minutes: Wording changed to: Minutes from the June 20, 2016 Special Meeting were presented. Motion made by Dar, seconded by Shirley to accept the minutes as presented. Under New Business: Wording changed to: Christina talked with Lyle Wyatt and he may be interested in being a Board of Review member. Motion made by Shirley, seconded by Audrey to accept the minutes as presented with the changes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer shows a balance of \$110,977.43 in the General fund & \$50,000.00 in the CD Account. Winchester Special Assessment has a balance of \$1,465.48 and Lackies Birch Haven Special Assessment has a balance of \$3,894.88. Motion made by Christina, seconded by Audrey to accept all treasurers' reports as presented. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS by Clerk: Checks # 9824 thru # 9838 and 5 EFTs totaling \$9,706.26. Motion made by Shirley, seconded by Dar to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried. Shirley asked if the per parcel rate could be put in the Assessors Invoice to us. Christina said she would ask Edward.

Correspondence: Mecosta County Board of Commissioners Minutes 08/04/16 and 08/18/16, and Morton Township Library Minutes from 7/12/16. Audrey also mentioned the Champagne and Chocolate Gala Fundraiser the Morton Library was having on 09/23/16. Audrey said there is matching support in October for the libraries. Christina said she will issue the 2016 support checks next month for each of the libraries.

Old Business: Dar said the Board of Review members are sworn in on odd years. He has not had anyone else contact him that would like to serve on the Board of Review. Johanna Hopkins sent Christina an email saying Danny Hopkins is also stepping down as a Board of Review Member due to his busy farming schedule.

Shirley and Dar discussed Election Inspector's wages. Butch Hardenburg and Dar Denslow said he saw in the paper that Mt. Pleasant pays their election inspectors \$10 per hour. Christina said Mecosta County's average from the 11 townships she heard back from were \$12 per hour for election inspectors and \$14 per hour for election chairman and that we haven't given any wage increases for at least 10 years. Christina didn't check with anyone in Isabella County. Shirley and Dar decided that they would leave the wages the same at \$10 per hour for election inspectors and \$12 per hour for election chairman.

Shirley is still trying to find someone that would like all the old books in the cupboards and shelves. Christina will contact Sherry Marks and ask her if the Museum would like them. Shirley will call Dent Refuse to check on a dumpster for the moldy books. Vern Young offered to dispose of the old voting machines. Christina was still working on getting the Credit Card set up with Isabella Bank. The application required additional signatures.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Audrey, to accept Lackie's Birch Haven Association's Budget as presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Christina, seconded by Dar, to accept the 2016 Tax Rate Request for millage and sign the L-4029 form drafted by the Assessor Edward VanderVries. Motion carried. The document was signed by Darwin Denslow and Christina Martin.

Public Comment: Karen Turnbull: CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) gave handout with explanation. Craig Turnbull: Health Dangers with CAFO. Nola Schlachter: Asked if the Public Comment minutes could contain more information. Christina commented that she was told by MTA that Public Comment should only include the Person's Name and the subject discussed. If anyone would like more detail they can always call any of the board members or the person that gave the public comment. Karen Turnbull: Adam Cornell's addition to his CAFO barn and well permit. Jerrilynn Strong: Answered questions on Commissioners Minutes and gave a verbal report.

Board Comment: Audrey reminded us that she will not be able to attend the next October meeting. Dar checked into the junk ordinances and a letter from the Mecosta County was sent to us. 14541 Costa Bella Avenue- The owner was hit by a car. Some progress was made but there was a list of items that needed to be dealt with. The County will go back out the first week of October to check on this. 757 18 Mile Road-The violation was resolved, and 1558 17 Mile Road-A phone call was made and a letter was sent from the County. Shirley reminded the board we needed to help cover the cost of the gas card Audrey purchased. Shirley asked Dar to put up the Hazardous Waste Yard Stakes.

Motion made by Shirley, seconded by Dar to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. Written by: *Christina L. Martin*

Christina Martin, Sheridan Township Clerk Dated: September 2, 2016

Supervisor-Darwin Denslow Treasurer- Shirley Sprague Clerk- Christina Martin Trustees- Nora Quisenberry & Audrey Dubois.
