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****APPROVED ****

MINUTES: March 2- 7:00pm Supervisor Vern Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag. Roll call shows present Vern Young, Christina Martin, Butch Hardenburgh, Shirley Sprague, and Johanna Hopkins. Also present 8 visitors. Supervisor Vern Young thanked the public for coming.

Additions to the agenda: none. **Motion made** by Vern, seconded by Christina, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report: There were 113 additional reassessments done this last month and sent to the clerk.

Public Comment: **James Soriano-** Would like us to give him a Letter of Support to build the Barryton School in Barryton. **Mitch MacKersie-**Chippewa Hills misleading bond issue.

Jerrilynn Strong-Update on Commissioners minutes.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from February 2, 2017 were presented. Christina would like added* (We do not need to do anything as a Township regarding Medical Marijuana unless we want to permit it in our Township. No Medical Marijuana Hearings are scheduled in Sheridan Township.) **Motion made** by Shirley, seconded by Butch, to approve the minutes with the addition. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer shows a balance of \$54,599.69 in the general fund account and a CD worth \$50,000. Treasurer's report for Winchester Subdivision Special Assessment Account shows a balance of \$1928.15. Treasurer's report for Lackies Birch Haven #1, 2, 3, & 7 Special Assessment Account shows a balance of \$3,481.31. **Motion made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna, to accept all treasurers' reports as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Bills: General fund: CHECK #9933 thru # 9950 and 3 EFT's totaling: \$15,784.80 and Lackies Birch Haven check #1257 total: \$250.00 **Motion made** by Shirley, seconded by Johanna, to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Mecosta County Board of commissioners Minutes 2/2/17 & 2/16/17, Email to Vern regarding Medical Marijuana- no hearings scheduled responded, Email to Christina on Voting Equipment-The cost will be covered by HAVA funds thru the 5th year then service/maintenance costs will be ours for the next 5 years, HCC Public Risk Claim Service form for IRS Penalties sent to Shirley for her to fill out and send in, and Email to Christina from Sarah Kanitz outlining what she would like to see happen per our audit. Christina explained that she would like monthly budgets and profit and loss reports given to the Board members at each meeting.

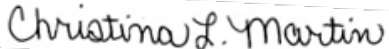
Unfinished Business: Christina would like to see a portion of the internet reimbursed for all board members. Shirley is still working on trying to contact Verizon regarding the increase in her internet bill. Public comment: Karen Turnbull's recommendation was that a portion of the internet was paid. The Board acknowledged that was what we planned on doing. Internet for Board Members was tabled until the next meeting. Shirley Sprague let the Board know that she was going to appoint Nila Simon as her Deputy Treasure. Johanna asked if that needed to be voted on by the Board. Christina stated that the Deputy Treasurer and Clerks are appointed by the office and don't need to be voted on. Shirley will have her take the oath of office and will go to the bank with the minutes to get her added on. Shirley also thanked Pat Defever for being her past deputy.

New Business: **2020 Census for Sheridan Township:** Vern got the information for the census. Vern had Christina look it over and it said "Optional". Christina did call them and let them know that we had not had any changes in boundaries since 2010 and updated our information. **Budget: Motion made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna, to move \$60.00 from 101-289 (Professional Services) to 101-262 Elections. Motion carried. **Motion made** by Christina, seconded by Shirley, to move \$4,225.00 from 101-101 (Township Board Legislative) to 101-257 (Assessor/Equalization Department). Motion carried. **Brine Contract:** Shirley asked if we could save money by only doing a portion of the gravel roads? We have 38 Miles of gravel roads that they currently brine. Christina didn't feel that picking and choosing roads were a good idea. The county graciously pays for 1 application. Christina also said that Sherman Township had gotten a call regarding only 1/2 the road getting brined. With dust control (1/2 the road is applied by Isabella and 1/2 the road is applied by Mecosta.) Vern stated that when they brine, it is usually a large path down the middle of the road. **Motion made** by Christina Martin, seconded by Butch Hardenburgh, to sign the 2017 Dust Control Contract with Mecosta County Road Commission and allow 1 additional brine application of all Gravel Roads. Motion carried 5-Aye 0-Nay. The Supervisor declared the motion adopted and had the board sign the contract.

Public Comment: Christina ordered the labor law poster for the township. Discussion was made on the Chippewa Hills School District Barryton Elementary situation. The situation they explained was presented before the election on fliers that were mailed out and posted that a new Barryton Elementary school was going to be built in Barryton but when it came up for Election it didn't say "Barryton" on the proposed language. A centralized building, built up by the Jr. High and High School, has been discussed by the Board of Education instead of rebuilding in Barryton. Further discussion was made from James Soriano, Mitch MacKersie, Christina Martin, Jerrilynn Strong, Karen Turnbull, Johanna Hopkins, and Shirley Sprague. Doug Bitler, President of the Board of Education, was also present. Doug said that they would like public input and they were putting together a questioner for the public. Vern Young said we would let James and Mitch know at our next meeting if a letter would be sent from Sheridan Township Board and sent to Chippewa Hills. Nola Schlachter: Asked about the Penalties from the previous clerk. They have been paid and turned into the Insurance Company. Karen Turnbull: Asked who the Deputy Clerk was. Jill Sharp is the Deputy Clerk. Karen Turnbull: Said the Township emails that are being sent are helpful. Karen Turnbull: Request on website for downloading files. Christina will check into it with the internet tec. Karen Turnbull: Recommendation that a portion of the internet be paid and not the whole amount. Nola Schlachter: asked about the penalties and what we were going to do to prevent them from happening again. Christina stated that each of the Board Members get reports monthly and all taxes quarterlies. Once we get the issues of the previous clerk behind us we shouldn't have any more issues. Doug Bitler: Next Chippewa Hills Board Meeting is March 13, 2017 at 6:00 in the Media Center. Mitch MacKersie also thanked the Sheridan Township Board as well as Doug Bitler and Kristina Bears (She was at the Barryton Meeting).

Board Comment: Budget Meeting will be set for Monday March 20, 2017 at the Township hall at 7:30pm. Vern thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Christina reminded Board Members to let her know if they would like to attend the MTA Annual Education Conference April 10-13th.

Motion made by Vern, seconded by Johanna, to adjourn at 8:36 pm. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Written by: 

Christina Martin, Sheridan Township Clerk

Dated: March 3, 2017