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****APPROVED ****

MINUTES: June 1, 2017- 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 5 visitors.

Additions to the agenda: Under New Business: Land Splits. **Motion was made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna, to accept the agenda as presented with the addition. **Motion carried.**

Assessor's Report: n/a

Public Comment: *Jerrilynn Strong*-Gas tax pamphlet and ambulance update. *Shirley Sprague*-Solid Waste.

Terry Vogel, Barryton Fire Department Chief, -gave a fire report and answered questions by the Board. Discussion was made by the Board about possibly doing a fire millage to help cover the cost of fire protection in our Township. Our current fire protection is being taken out of our general budget. Edward told Christina that 1 mill would generate approximately \$37,714 per year. We currently pay \$28,873 for coverage, which is .76 of a mill, and the cost has increased with each fire contract. *Nola Schlachter* -would like us to check with Nottawa/Sherman Fire Department also for coverage. Christina will contact Nottawa/Sherman and Vern will contact Morton and Wheatland Departments. Vern has been asking individuals about if they would support a fire or road millage. The consensus is that they would support a fire millage greater than a road millage. We will discuss a fire and road millage at a later time after we have had time to check with each of the departments. Terry Vogel also let us know that with the cooperation of Red Cross, it has a program to help individuals without smoke alarms get up to 3 placed in their home (by the Fire Department) at no cost. Please contact Terry Vogel at 989-289-7383 for more information.

Minutes: **Motion made** by Shirley, seconded by Vern, to approve the May 4, 2017 minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer shows a balance of \$146,032.48 in the General Fund Account and a CD worth \$50,000. Treasurer's report for Winchester Subdivision Special Assessment Account shows a balance of \$2,475.01. Treasurer's report for Lackies Birch Haven #1, 2, 3, & 7 Special Assessment Account shows a balance of \$4,093.73. **Motion was made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna, to accept the Treasurers' reports as presented. **Motion carried.**

Presentation of the Bills: General fund: CHECK #9981 thru # 9992 and 3 EFT's totaling: \$10,437.49 **Motion was made** by Shirley, seconded by Johanna, to pay all the bills as presented. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence: Mecosta County Board of commissioners Minutes, Morton Twp. Library 50th Anniversary Open House- Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 1-3pm. RSVP with Holly if you are attending at 231-972-8315 ext: 204, Mecosta County Solid Waste Plan Updates, and Mecosta County Resolution #2017-04.

Unfinished Business: Internet for Board Members-Discussion on topic with the Board. **Motion was made** by Christina, seconded by Shirley to compensate \$39.99 for the Treasurer's internet services, until she is out of contract, and each of the other Board Members will not be reimbursed for their internet services. Christina will transfer the Township's internet from her plan to the Township's plan. **Motion carried.** Tree bid for the Township Hall- One bid was submitted. **Motion made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna to accept F&B Stump grinding & Tree Removals bid for completely removing the beech tree and pine tree. **Motion carried.**

New Business: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal scheduled for 10-14-17- A request for support was sent. Shirley said in the past our residents didn't utilize all locations. Our residents mainly used the Mecosta County Senior Center according to the report that they used to send. **No motion was made on this request.** Purchase of flags and markers for the Strong Cemetery-The flags and markers were placed by the VFW for Memorial Day. **Motion made** by Christina, seconded by Shirley, to order 288 flags and 6 aluminum painted markers to have on hand each year. **Motion carried.** PA116 for Adam Cornell- Christina talked with Jarrod Thelen from the MI Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development and found that his request was not accurate and couldn't be processed under this application. Jarrod stated he may be able to do a separate application under a "specialty farm" but the email we received said it will "not neatly fit the situation of a hog operation." **Motion made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna, to deny Adam Cornell's PA116 application. **Motion Carried.** Christina will send the denial notification to Mecosta County. Land Splits- Vern will check with Edward on the price of the land splits and check into the cost of surrounding townships.

Public Comment: *Butch Hardenburgh*-AMAR, and *Audrey DuBois*-Resolution 2017-04.

Board Comment: On May 23, 2017 the Application to the Cadillac Law Enforcement Division was sent in by Christina for the Permit to place buoys between Tubbs Lake south from Winchester Dam and the eastern portion canals of Tubbs Lake. When it was done in 2005 the permit was never pulled by the Sheridan Township Board. Christina contacted the board in between meetings for the approval to send it back to them. Vern contacted Al Treichel and he put the buoys in for the Township. Christina had a thank you card and had everyone sign it so she could send it to Al. Vern will get Christina Al's address. Shirley contacted Christina and had her send a statement of accounts to both of the Special Assessments to help them with their budgets. Shirley had done it in previous years because it was not done by the previous clerk.

Motion was made by Vern, seconded by Butch, to adjourn at 9:04 pm. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned.
Written by: *Christina L. Martin* Christina Martin, Sheridan Township Clerk Dated: June 2, 2017