

# SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP -MECOSTA COUNTY

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**\*\*APPROVED \*\***

**MINUTES: July 6, 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 12 visitors. Vern thanked everyone for coming.

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

**Assessor's Report:** 156 parcels were done last month. Report was submitted by the assessor.

**New Business:** Chief from Wheatland Fire Department, Kevin Thiel, gave a report and asked if there were any questions. He also brought a truck for us to check out on our recess. We had discussion on a new fire contract. Wheatland's Clerk, Mary Karcher, and Treasurer, Amy Snyder were also in attendance. Their Supervisor didn't attend because of the quorum regulations. Mary will type up a new contract and send it to Christina for our Board to review. There will be a 5% increase every year on their contract. Wayde Caryl, Supervisor from Fork Township and member of Fork Fire Department was also in attendance. Wayde asked if Terry Vogel, Fire Chief, had sent Christina the Cost Recovery Ordinance. It has not been received by us yet. He discussed the Barryton Fire Department also. Clerk, Christina Martin, thanked the five fire fighters in attendance for their service. **Motion was made** by Johanna, seconded by Vern, to have Dave Dowell do 1 application of weed control on both of the cemetery driveways with the material we have left from last year at a cost of \$50.00 per cemetery. Discussion was made. **Motion Carried. Motion was made** by Christina, seconded by Vern to accept Adam Cornell's PA 166 (amended). Discussion was made. **Motion Carried.** Christina notified the Board that there was going to be a fee charged from Isabella Bank for statements. Christina will contact Isabella Bank and go to paperless statements to view online instead of getting fees. The order of the agenda was changed to allow Wheatland Township to receive their check and leave.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer shows a balance of \$138,442.98 in the General Fund Account and a CD worth \$50,000. Treasurer's report for Winchester Subdivision Special Assessment Account shows a balance of \$2,475.25. Treasurer's report for Lackies Birch Haven #1, 2, 3, & 7 Special Assessment Account shows a balance of \$4,094.14. **Motion was made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna, to accept the Treasurers' reports as presented. **Motion carried.**

**Presentation of the Bills:** General fund: CHECK #9993 thru # 10006 and 4 EFT's totaling: \$128,424.65 and check #1078 for Winchester Subdivision Special Assessment for \$100.00. **Motion was made** by Johanna, seconded by Shirley, to pay all the bills as presented. **Motion carried.**

7:45pm a 10 minute recess was taken to allow everyone to look at Wheatland's Fire truck.

Meeting called back to order at 7:58pm by Supervisor, Vern Young.

**Minutes:** **Motion made** by Shirley, seconded by Butch, to approve the June 1, 2017 minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

**Correspondence:** Mecosta County Board of commissioners Minutes from 6/1 and 6/15, 2017 Tax Rate Request for Chippewa Hills School, and The Par Plan News for Board Members.

**Public Comment:** *Karen Turnbull-* Revenue Sharing, Junk Violations, well permits, and Board's roll on Adam Cornell's CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operation) pig operation odor that she smells at her home.

Jerrilynn Strong responded that she lives much closer and smells it a few times a year and we live in an agricultural rural area. The Board responded that we haven't seen a significant change in revenue sharing, we have all the outstanding junk ordinances listed on the agenda, we have not received any new well permits, and we are not having any issues with Adam Cornell's CAFO. The manure is closely managed thru soil samples and is state regulated. *Wayde Caryl* – Talked about Fork Township Fire Department and its contract. *Jerrilynn Strong-* requested a copy of Record Card and gave a Board of Commissioner's Report.

**Unfinished Business:** Discussion on a Fire Millage. Christina recommends putting an 1 mill fire millage proposal on a ballot. Right now we are at .7656 of a mill and will have a 5% increase each year and with the new Fork Township Contract they stay close to the same cost which would be approximately \$16,536 for each department for a total of \$33,072. Or .877 of a mill. Wheatland has a 2 mill fire millage for their residents and Fork has an equipment millage for .5 mills and an 1.25 mill for fire operation. *Chris Sharp-* questioned if the property owner would still be billed for fire runs if the millage passes? Fork charges their residents \$1,000 per fire call. Sherman/Nottawa charges \$750.00 plus an hourly wage per vehicle. Discussion on the question. Wheatland Fire Department will remove the line on the contract that they will bill \$1000.00 for any runs over 5 for our township.

Fork Township was not considering the removal of that line item in their contract per Wayde Caryl. Discussion was made. Nottawa/Sherman Fire Department just sent Christina a text message that they respectfully declined to take on any more fire coverage areas. Supervisor Vern Young tabled this item and said next meeting we need to be ready to take action. Land Division Act Ordinance 2017-01 was submitted. Discussion was made on setting a dollar amount for land splits. Motion was made by Christina, seconded by Vern Young, to set the dollar amount at \$40.00. Roll call shows 4 eyes and 1 nay. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** *Chris Sharp*-Zoning question. *Jerrilynn Strong*-Tubbs Lake Corner. She is going to ask about a sign in that area. Mecosta County does not maintain that stretch of road going into Tubbs Lake. Residents grade right up to that corner and spread gravel across the pavement.

**Board Comment:** Vern checked into the brining for the township. They are going to start it within the next few days. Since our application was first last summer, it will be last this year per the county. Christina said they had just gone down 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and it was hardly spreading. Wayde Caryl had just gone down that road and confirmed there was hardly any spread on it. Jerrilynn will check into it for us.

**Motion was made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna, to adjourn at 8:35 pm. **Motion rescinded by Johanna.** Johanna checked into options for trash pickup. She checked with Sam's Disposal and got their business cards. Vern said that Sam's Disposal was going to start collecting trash behind the Remus School on Saturdays from 8-noon for a fee of \$1.00 white trash bags and \$2.00 black trash bags. Sam's Disposal will also have roll off dumpsters. Christina also informed everyone that there is another Village of Barryton meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Barryton Community Building. The Village of Barryton is going to vote on a marijuana dispensary within the Village Limits. Wayde thought it started at 6:30pm. The Township doesn't have voting rights pertaining to the Village and are **not** in favor of this ordinance being created allowing it.

**Motion was made** by Christina, seconded by Johanna, to adjourn at 8:59 pm. **Meeting adjourned.**

Written by:

*Christina L. Martin*

Christina Martin, Sheridan Township Clerk

Dated: July 7, 2017