

# Sheridan Township ~ Mecosta County

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**\*\*UNAPPROVED\*\***

## **MINUTES:**      *February 14, 2013 – 7:00pm*

Supervisor Darwin Denslow called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag. Roll call shows present Darwin Denslow, Ginger Sherman, Shirley Sprague, Audrey Dubois and Nora Quisenberry. Also present 5 visitors.

Additions to the agenda: Grants thru our insurance company.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from January 10, 2013 were presented as written. Motion by Darwin, seconded by Audrey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Josh Reed from the sheriff's office was here to present the introduction of a K-9 unit to Mecosta County. They are asking for a one time donation from the township of \$1000. For initial startup costs. Projected initial costs are \$15,000. - \$20,000. The K-9 Unit would help with narcotics detection, trained in tracking, criminal apprehension, and handler officer protection. Motion by Nora, to support the K-9 unit with a one-time donation of \$1000. seconded by Ginger. Roll Call all ayes, 0-nays. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer shows a balance of \$156,945.34 in the general fund account and a CD worth \$60,000. Treasurer's report for Winchester Subdivision Special Assessment Account \$1278.95. Treasurer's report for Lackies Birch Haven #1, 2, 3, & 7 Special Assessment account balance shows \$1087.52. Motion was made by Ginger, seconded by Audrey to accept all treasurers' reports as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Bills: Checks #9074 thru 9086 and 3- EFTs for Verizon accounts and EFTPS payroll taxes were presented for the General Fund account totaling \$7171.89.

Two check #1057 & 1058 was presented for Winchester Sub Special Assessment account totaling \$208.57. Two check #1058 & 1059 was presented for Lackies Special Assessment account totaling \$313.50. Motion was made by Darwin, seconded by Shirley to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report: Judy McNatt gave a verbal and written detailed sales report to review and building permits reported. Motion by Shirley, seconded by Nora to accept the assessor's report as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Reviewed and noted important facts within: MTA faxes, County Commissioners Minutes, and Planning Commission Minutes. Sherriff statistics were not available Copies were also available for the public to review.

Old Business: Reduce Mileage Rate to .565 cents per mile to what the IRS allows. Motion by Nora, seconded by Shirley. Motion carried.

Lawn care for township properties: After much review Ginger made a motion to hire Dave Dowell with Anywhere Lawn Care of Barryton for \$4600. Per mowing season. Seconded by Darwin, Motion carried.

Audrey to represent the township board at the next planning commission meeting about urban agriculture.

New Business: Shirley thought maybe Grants thru the insurance company could maybe help us do something with the bank at Strong cemetery. Nola mentioned she thought it looked fine, maybe we should just keep it mowed again if we have a company willing to do this.

Ginger noted that all board members should bring their Drain Commission packet to the next board meeting as Jackie Fitzgerald will be here in March.

Salary Resolutions to stay the same this year:				
	<u>Resolution #</u>	<u>Motions by, seconded by:</u>	<u>Current Salary stays the same</u>	<u>Roll Call</u>
Supervisor	2013-01	Nora & Shirley	\$9408.00	5-ayes, 0-nays
Clerk	2013-02	Darwin & Nora	\$15,027.12	5-ayes, 0-nays
Treasurer	2013-03	Darwin & Ginger	\$15,027.12	5-ayes, 0-nays
Trustee	2013-04	Audrey & Shirley	\$2511.60	5-ayes, 0-nays

Public Comment: none.

Board Comment: Nora wanted to bring to attention meeting she attended: Understanding Dementia – causes, stages, and family concerns. How do we find out about these meetings if we are not senior citizens?? Call the Commission on Aging 231-972-2884 ask to receive the Key Hole newsletter.

Shirley said thank you for the new fax machine, calculator and plat book. Her current internet carrier is all-tell which sold to Verizon. She also attended the MTA meeting and Cement is a drug team used to be 1 in 200 arrests involved meth; now 1-4 arrests involve meth. \*Meth Ingredients are very unstable\* started in Allegan County. Like grandmas recipe taught and spread. Clean-up is horribly expensive.

Darwin noted that the paper misrepresented what he said.

Adjourn: Motion by Ginger to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Nora. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 9:03pm.

**Written By:** *Ginger Sherman, Clerk* Ginger Sherman, Sheridan Township Clerk  
Dated: February 18, 2013