

# Sheridan Township ~ Mecosta County

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

## **MINUTES: May 9, 2013 – 7:00pm**

Supervisor Darwin Denslow called the meeting to order at 7:03pm 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: Brine Contract from Mecosta County road Commission, Date For annual Cemetery meeting.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from April 11, 2013 were presented as written. Changes to board comments section to add that Audrey reported on planning commission minutes....and planning commission is finally looking at trying to get the minutes online. Also crossing out ~~Don Mackey name~~ he was not mentioned. Motion by Darwin, seconded by Audrey to approve minutes with the above changes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Nola mentioned that there was an Ash tree standing dead in Strong cemetery that needed to be removed. Darwin will get an estimate and call board members in order for this to be done prior to Memorial Day.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer shows a balance of \$204,581.97 in the general fund account and a CD worth \$60,000. Treasurer's report for Winchester Subdivision Special Assessment Account \$1813.39. Treasurer's report for Lackies Birch Haven #1, 2, 3, & 7 Special Assessment account balance shows \$1640.60. Motion was made by Ginger, seconded by Audrey to accept all treasurers' reports as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Bills: Checks #9120 thru 9133 and 3- EFTs for Verizon accounts and EFTPS payroll taxes were presented for the General Fund account totaling \$8227.89. No checks were presented for Winchester Sub Special Assessment account. No checks were presented for Lackies Special Assessment account. Motion was made by Darwin, seconded by Shirley to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

Old Business: none.

New Business: Township hall Roof Estimates: For fairness reasons we will post an ad in the local Pioneer East newspaper asking for roof bids for our township hall. Reviewed some wording ideas.

BOR – Saturdays in March: Motion by Ginger, seconded by Shirley to no longer have Saturday BOR in March 2014. Motion carried.

Brine Contract with Mecosta County Road Commission for 2013 season: 100 per mile and 38 miles dirt roads in our township = \$3800. Per additional brine. Motion by Audrey to purchase one additional brine beyond the free one the county pays for a total of 2 brines this a summer in our township. Seconded by Nora, motion carried.

Annual Cemetery Meeting: to be May 23, 2013 at 4pm. Motion by Shirley, seconded by Ginger to have ash tree in cemetery removed by F & B Stump grinding for a cost not to exceed \$300. Motion carried.

Veterans Flags to be done by Bud Hanalin.

Public Comment: Karen Turnball asked some questions about gas wells and if there are any in our township. Her concerns about Leases and what happens with fracking?

Nola read newspaper clipping aloud about Steve Wright with Tucker Communications no longer being employed.

Board Comment: Ginger let the board know that Adam Cornell had contacted her to let the board know he is putting in a large pig barn on the corner of 17 mile road and 20<sup>th</sup> ave.

Shirley went to the Mecosta Townships Meeting and reported in length about the things that were covered at the meeting. Some of them being Credit card payments do not sound feasible for townships right now. Buy in, Connect MI, County parks to open 2 weeks late this year, Canadian Lakes .50cent golf and swimming. Suggestions from the Cement team, the next meeting is July 22, 2013 at our township hall.

Adjourn: Motion by Shirley to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Nora. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:42pm.

**Written By:** *Ginger Sherman, Clerk* Ginger Sherman, Sheridan Township Clerk

**Dated:** May 13, 2013