

**Deerfield Township – Mecosta County**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**396 Fourth Street**  
**Morley, MI 49336**  
**August 19, 2021 7:00pm**

1. Meeting called to order 7:00pm by Supervisor Phil Stier all those in attendance joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call:**

Supervisor, Phil Stier – here  
Clerk, Michelle Lewis – here  
Treasurer, Sheila Lingle – here  
Trustee, Gary Lambrix – here  
Trustee, Brian Carey II – here

Also in attendance were Raymond Steinke and Jan Steinke, Kate Quinlan

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Sheila Lingle made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion Carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

Brian Carey II made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Brian asked if C.O.P had reimbursed for the brining. Michelle stated that we have not received a bill from the County yet. Motion Carried.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

As of July 31, 2021 remaining CD has a balance of \$53,818.15. The Tax account has a balance of \$34,220.91. The General Fund has a balance of \$161,817.74. The Money market has a balance of \$105,923.75. The total current township assets are \$355,780.55. Phil asked when the final CD is due to expire, Sheila stated she believed that it was sometime in September. Phil stated that we needed to sit down with Mercantile bank and decided where the money would be able to gain the most interest. Michelle Lewis made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll Call: Brian Carey II – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis –yes, Phil Stier –yes. Motion Carried.

6. **Approval of Bills and Payroll:**

Bills paid were Consumers \$99.90, DTE Energy \$38.51, Mecosta County Equalization \$431.17, Spectrum Business \$249.96, Morley Area Fire Department \$11,333.34, Great Lakes Energy \$11.40, Consumers Energy \$107.09, DTE Energy \$34.99, Spectrum Business \$249.96, Summit Companies (Check fire extinguishers at Fire Department), United States Treasury \$721.66, MML Workers' Compensation \$52.00.

Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$17,343.46, seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll Call: Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Sheila Lingle – yes, Michelle Lewis – yes, Phil Stier – yes. Motion Carried.

**7. Public Comment:**

Ray Steinke – asked if the place on 155<sup>th</sup> had been turned into the county for junk ordinance. Phil stated that he would take pictures and turn that in as well as some other ones that he was working on.

Kate Quinlan was here representing Stand up Michigan they are looking for community service things that might need to be done as well as seeing if there are others areas that they might be able to help out with.

**8. Reports:**

**County Commissioner report per Ray Steinke,** EMS just purchased 6 new heart monitors and 14 new Lucas machines; they also refurbished the box on the ambulance and rebuilt the chassis.

**9. New Business:**

**A. Covid Relief Funding:**

Phil, Sheila, and Michelle had gone to the Mecosta County Township Association meeting and had gained a lot of information about the Covid Relief funding. Michelle spent time renewing numbers and creating the necessary logins needed to be able to file for the ARPA (American rescue Plan Act) funding. We have filed and are waiting to hear back from the state as to what amount we could possible get. It looked like we could get up to \$112,000. This could be used for roads, bridges, broadband, upgrading buildings, and equipment as well as several other things.

**B. Hall Maintenance:**

The hall needs some maintenance done. Phil stated he would look into a cost for having the shrubs trimmed. Sheila mentioned that she used to come and trim the shrubs and power wash the building but that she just couldn't do that anymore. She also let the board know that she had talked with Heckman's workers who were mowing and they do power washing as well trimming shrubs we would need to contact Randy to have it done. Gary asked about the parking lot. Fenstermacher said they would be doing it between mid-August and mid-September.

**10. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm by Supervisor, Phil Stier.**