

Deerfield Township – Mecosta County
Regular Board Meeting
396 E. Fourth Street
Morley, MI 49336
March 11, 2021 7:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Phil Stier at 7:20pm Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Those in attendance were Phil Stier – Supervisor, Sheila Lingle – Treasurer, Gary Lambrix – Trustee, Brian Carey – Trustee on the phone.
3. Those absent were Julie Aldrich – Clerk
4. Approval of the Agenda
Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion Carried.
5. Public Comments
The question was asked if the clerk’s positions needed to be posted publicly with the current clerk resigning. That is not required if the board is able to find someone to fill the position until the next general election. Concern was raised about the stump in one of the cemeteries and whether or not it was going to be removed. There was concern about the ladies quilting and whether or not they were paying for use of the hall it was decided that they ladies could continue to quilt for free.
6. Approval of Minutes
Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Sheila Lingle. Motion Carried.
7. Roberts Rules of Order as Parliamentary Procedure
Gary Lambrix made a motion to accept Roberts Rules of Order for Parliamentary Procedure the motion was seconded by Brian Carey II. Motion was dropped to be further looked into and discussed at the next meeting.
8. Presentation of Mercantile Bank for the township Financial accounts
Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the continued use of Mercantile Bank for the township financial accounts seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call vote, Julie Aldrich – absent, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes. Motion Carried
9. Presentation of Checks
Motion made by Sheila Lingle to approve the checks as presented seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call Julie Aldrich – absent, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – abstain, Phil Stier – yes. Motion Carried.
10. Letters of Agreements
Motion made by Brian Carey II to accept the letters of agreement seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call, Julie Aldrich – absent, Sheila Lingle

– abstain, Gary Lambrix – no, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes. Motion Failed.

11. Letter of resignation of Julie Aldrich as Township Clerk
Gary Lambrix made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Julie Aldrich seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes. Motion Carried.
12. Appointment of Michelle Lewis as Township Clerk
Motion was made by Gary Lambrix to appoint Michelle Lewis as the Township clerk until the next general election seconded by Sheila Lingle. Roll call, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes. Motion Carried.
13. Presentation of Dust Control by Mecosta County Road Commission
Brian Carey II made a motion to approve 3 coats of brine for dust control to be done by the Mecosta County Road Commission seconded by Gary Lambrix. Roll call, Julie Aldrich – absent, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes. Motion Carried.
14. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 meeting dates
Sheila Lingle made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 regular meeting dates as the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm seconded by Gary Lambrix. Motion Carried.
15. Assessor's Report
Assessor Wayne Sutherland reported that the Board of Review meetings went well a lot of people came in and asked questions. Wayne presented the policy that needed to be signed by the board.
16. Roads
Road repair bids will be coming in mid March. Bid opening is March 16th.
17. Approve operating millage of 1.25 for Wayne Sutherland
Gary Lambrix made a motion to approve the operating millage of 1.25 for Wayne seconded by Phil Stier. Roll call, Sheila Lingle – yes, Gary Lambrix – yes, Brian Carey II – yes, Phil Stier – yes. Motion Carried.
18. Fire Department
Joint committee budget meeting for fire department was held on February 17, 2021 at Morley Community Center. There was some discussion about high ropes training and "The Dragon".
19. New Business
None
20. Public Comment
There were some questions asked about the CD's and maturing dates. Also some comments about how the high ropes training are also beneficial for other things than the "Dragon Trail".
Ray Steinke asked a question was asked about what the mileage rate was for the coming year.
21. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.