

Morton Township Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: February 9, 2010

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Called to Order: Supervisor Jim Quinlan

Pledge of Allegiance: By all in attendance

Roll Call: By Clerk Yo Bellingar

Have you read all the agenda material & prepared to make decisions at this meeting?

Members Present: J. Quinlan –yes and prepared, Y. Bellingar-yes, D. Behrend-here
M. Kuzma-here, J. Burkle-here,

Consent Agenda includes:

Approval of Agenda for this Meeting dated February 9, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2010

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2010

Moved by Y. Bellingar to accept the Consent Agenda, supported by D. Behrend,
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried

Treasurer, D. Behrend presented accumulated Bills from January 15, 2010, to February 4, 2010
in the amount of \$81,905.67 to be paid.

D. Behrend moved to pay the bills, supported by J. Burkle.

Roll call vote: D. Behrend, J. Burkle, Y. Bellingar, J. Quinlan, M. Kuzma

Treasurer's Report – Moved by D. Behrend to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and
seconded by J. Quinlan, Voted, 5 Ayes, 0 nays, carried

Public Comments:

- Morton Twp. Flag and Morton Township Brochure presented by Committee of:
Chairman Yo Bellingar, Anita Farrar, Sharon Guilliani, Rick Kempton, Mary Ann Lenon,
Sally Whalen
Library update given by Cricket Nuttle, President of the Morton Township Library Board.
She reported that the Library started running out of space 7 years ago and now is at
capacity. The Library purchased the lot to the East of the present Library for expansion.
She presented Architectural drawings of purposed future addition to the existing
building. They have been grateful for using the Township Hall every Wednesday for the
large number of children participating in their programs. The committee will be moving
forward to raise money to break ground for the expansion by 2012.

- Larry Bunker, representative from the School Section Lake Association presented a letter to the Board of Trustees. His request is to have the Township Board present a written statement explaining their view on School Section Lake Ordinance pertaining to walkways, dedicated parks and pathways. Discussion followed to have Attorney Eric Williams study the ordinance.
- Jeremy Mislner- Introduced himself and gave his background for running for District 102 State House of Representative seat.
- Announced position for County Commissioner open for someone to run 2010

Correspondence:

- Notice of 2010 MNRTF and LWCF Programs Application Materials and Grant Application Workshops, deadline April 1, 2010. Plan on attending contact Yo Bellingar by 3/26/10
- Letter from Roger Hockstra requesting permission if he purchased 2 lots could he build a storage building. Tom Ruelle and Planning will investigate.
- MTA Conference for Western Michigan Township Officials held March 27, 2010, at Muskegon Community College. Y. Bellingar, Clerk and J. Burkle, Trustee, have been asked to be Chairpersons for the Round Table Discussions.

Reports:

- Fire/Rescue Reports given by Fire chief Allen Sutherby: 35 Rescue Runs, Fire Runs 3 Estimated response time 9.73 minutes.
- Building and Zoning Department published report
- M. Kuzma moved to set a deadline of 30 days to have JBS Contractor replace existing cords with higher quality Electrical cord used for charging the Fire trucks as shown in the original specifications. Seconded by J. Burkle, Voted 5 ayes, 0 nays, carried
- Audit is complete. Auditor will present March 2, 2010, at Committee of the Whole
- Draft for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. (See**Attachment) John Burkle and Mark Kuzma felt they did not have enough time to review Draft before the Public Hearing Scheduled March 2, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.
- J. Burkle moved to postpone the Public Hearing again, to review the Draft for the Master Plan of Parks & Recreation to the Regular Board meeting on April 13, 2010, held at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by M. Kuzma, discussion followed.
Roll Call Vote:
J. Burkle – aye, D. Behrend – aye, Y. Bellingar – nay, M. Kuzma- aye, J. Quinlan- nay.
3 ayes, 2 nays, carried.
- Public Hearing to review the Draft for the Master Plan of Parks and Recreation will be postponed back another month to April 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
- Results of surveys “Creating the Vision for Your Township” presented by Yo Bellingar
- Yo Bellingar reported on MTA State Educational Conference in Grand Rapids, Jan. 25- Jan. 29, 2010.

- Insurance Claim for stolen parts off Generator at Fire Station in Mecosta, Mi. has been collected from Schuberg Insurance Agency
- Planning Commission will be changing the night of their regular meeting at the February 18, 2010 meeting.
- J. Quinlan reported– 20 trees were sold to Sinacori Landscaping @ \$20 per tree = \$400 out of the Industrial Park, wholes are being filled and ground smoothed over.
- Explorer report – Trustees have donated \$60 toward paid registration. A donation will be taken at the monthly car wash at the Fire hall to supplement the \$90 balance needed for the Explorer Scouts.
- Received from Attorney Eric Williams a response for M. Kuzma and J. Burkle to review regarding the Sesti Law Suit.
- Discuss how to improve Law enforcement patrolling for a safer Community. J. Quinlan will meet with Canadian Lake management, County Commissioner-Linda Howard, and County Sheriff what is possibilities of rotating patrol shifts.

Old Business:

- M. Kuzma moved to accept the **Mission Statement for Morton Township** as presented in final draft, seconded by J. Burkle,
Voted 5 ayes, 0 nays, carried
Missions Statement is adopted.
- Moved by M. Kuzma to table first three pages of Policy Manual recommendations because he didn't have time to look them over, seconded by J. Burkle.
Voted 5 ayes, 0 nays, carried
- Moved by J. Burkle to assign a 2 year term for Bruce Fredrick and David L. Lalonde to serve on the Planning Commission, terms to expire 12-31-2011, seconded by D. Behrend.
Voted 5 ayes, 0 nays, carried
- Moved by M. Kuzma to open bids for Morton Township Hall to add 6" of Insulation, and fix areas in the roof to save heat. Bids Published in the Pioneer paper, and on the Morton Township website, with a deadline of March 1, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. for all bids, seconded by D. Behrend.
Voted 5 ayes, 0 nay, carried

New Business:

- Moved by M. Kuzma to acknowledge that the Morton Township Fire & Rescue Association apply for the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.Section 501 (c) (3), supported by J. Burkle.
Voted 5 ayes, 0 nay, carried
- J. Quinlan moved to approve the purchase of all four of the items of CCI to complete the Radio System recommended by and budgeted for the Fire and Rescue Dept. seconded by Y. Bellingar.
Voted 5 ayes, 0 nay, carried

- Moved by M. Kuzma to Adopt Resolution (R-1029) to adjust the budget as presented, seconded by D. Behrend.
Roll Vote: J. Quinlan-aye, Y. Bellingar-aye, D. Behrend- aye, M. Kuzma-aye, J. Burkle-Aye
Vote 5 ayes, 0 nay, carried, Resolution R-1029 Adopted, Effective February 9, 2010.

Public Comments: Public Comments - Brief (See note 1)

Larry Bunker-Public awareness to Water Testing

Rotten Potatoes are being dumped on fields approximately one foot deep with terrible smell, what will be the side effect to the fields and ground water? DEQ have been notified.

Joe Lanz discussed using the Township Website for every posting.

NOTE: 1 Public Comments are encouraged. For the benefit of the Township Clerk taking the minutes and to conduct an orderly meeting with maximum participation, please stand to be recognized by the chair, speak to be heard, state your name, address and make your comments. The Public Comments-brief period is limited to three (3) minutes. During Public Comments, the time limit is for one time recognition of each person - transfer of time to another or accumulation of time because of group action is not permitted. If the Township Board Members are questioned generally or specifically, the question will only be answered if a Board Member indicates their desire to answer by requesting recognition by the Chair. Disruptive behavior, swearing, improper language, arguing, or discussion between attendees without proper recognition is prohibited.

Adjourn:

Y. Bellingar moved to adjourn, supported by M. Kuzma, 5 ayes, 0 nay, carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Yulanda (Yo) Bellingar
Morton Township Clerk

(See Attachments */ **)