

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Tiemeyer, Leep, Sipple, Smit, present.

Schipper arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Schipper, to approve April 11, 2018, regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Myrene Koch, Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney, presented a brief introduction as the newly appointed Attorney in Allegan County.

Aric Nesbitt, running for State Senate seat, presented a brief introduction of himself and what he stands for.

Nate Sherman, running for Allegan County, 7th district commissioner, presented an introduction of himself as a prospective candidate.

Black, County Commissioner presented a synopsis of county business.

Ambulance: None

Cemetery: None

Fire: Wykstra updated the Board of the SBAC bottles that will expire in August of 2019, he has contacted a company who can possibly refurbish at \$300.00 per bottle and they will last for 15 years. Chief Wykstra also signed today, to be directly dispatched with Barry County. The Department will also be looking at the Outdoor Gathering Ordinance to possibly amend regarding first response at 131 Motorsports to ensure appropriate, qualified response.

Library: The friends of the Library were pleased to send Kershaw to a Library conference in Traverse City. The Village has asked the Library to be the grand marshall for the Memorial Day Parade, for the celebration of the 100th year anniversary of the JC Wheeler Library. Kershaw is prepared for the Summer Reading Program.

Memorial Park: None

Planning Commission: Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve Don Dekema, as new member for Planning Commission, for the term 2018-2020. Roll Call Leep, Schipper, Sipple, Smit and Tiemeyer, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously. Smit will inform Planning Commission secretary of new member information and relay meeting dates to Dekema.

Roads: confirmed work order was submitted to ACRC for two additional miles of chip and seal. Smit faxed on May 7, 2018.

New Business:

Consumers Energy 2 street lights that Martin Township are responsible for – Consumers contacted Leep regarding which 2 streetlights that the township pays for, The Board believes it is 11th street and Shelbyville light.

Zoning Board of Appeals Member – Motion made by Smit, supported by Schipper, to approve Dave Smit as new member for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll Call, Schipper, Sipple, Smit, Tiemeyer and Leep, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative for River to River Trail – Leep will be the Township representative for the River to River trail meetings, along with Darcy Doezeema as a secondary representative for our community.

Resolution 2018-02 – Motion made by Leep, supported by Tiemeyer, to adopt Resolution 2018-02, poverty income guidelines for Martin Township. Roll Call, Sipple, Smit, Tiemeyer, Leep and Schipper, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-03 – Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit, to approve Resolution 2018-03, waiving fees for penalty and interest on failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit. Roll Call, Smit, Tiemeyer, Leep, Schipper and Sipple, all ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Boundary Survey Bid – Motion made by Schipper, supported by Sipple to approve Exxel Engineering, Inc. for a topographical, boundary and utility survey, in the amount of \$1650.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Allegan County, first right of refusal on for closed property – Martin Township Board has refused, the first right to purchase tax foreclosed property, 2318 7th Street, for public purpose. It will go back to the County.

Old Business:

Township Hall Expansion – Preliminary site review is completed and the Board has received plans for their review. The Board has asked for a sample of the metal panel, which shows refacing material on the roof. Also, a question brought up, if the air flow will be sufficient for the new space or will a roof top unit or any other options will be installed? Smit will communicate this to the engineering company.

Non-Compliance on 1280 10th Street – Affidavits were signed and returned to Attorney's office for court. Pending case continues in court. Enforcement activity is on hold due to the pending legal action. Mr. Knight appealed the original court judgement, and the Township has asked for fines, fees, and permit costs. The courts will determine the outcome.

Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Sipple, to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Smit, to amend budget per changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Received for information

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn-

Clerk – Rachelle –

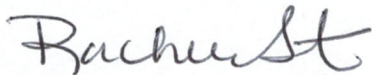
Treasurer – Sue – many Cemetery lots do not line up with the what is documented in the computer system per grave sites. Tiemeyer will discuss with other townships what some have done to solve this issue, looking at the possibility of recommended companies that can help resolve our problem.

Trustee - John –

Trustee – Jack –

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Tiemeyer, to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rachelle Smit".

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk