

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2016

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion made by Brenner, supported by Leep, to approve minutes, with corrections from March 9, 2016 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Guest

Don Black, County Commissioner presented a synopsis of county business.

Ambulance: None

Cemetery: Tiemeyer noted it would be nice to start to make some improvements with the money set aside to do so. The driveways are in need of asphalt millings, possibly retaining wall by old & new East cemetery's. Leep will be in contact with the County on the right of way for retaining wall. Additionally, there are two graves settling that were brought to our attention and would like fixed.

Fire: Hydro testing on all air bottles will be due for replacement by 2019. Wykstra offered a presentation of the new rescue truck to the board.

Library: Kelsey noted that Nan Darrow will be retiring, and the Library will be hosting an open house, May 14th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for her. Kershaw has put out a job posting for that replacement. Teens Historical Museum field trip went great. The old stone JC Wheeler Library sign was recovered before the demolition of the old Library, and would like to have installed on the existing Library. Some doors and flooring were also saved. Around 100 bricks were recovered that could be used as a planter at the Library. There are 2 large potholes that they would like filled. The bake and book sale was a success and brought in \$272.50.

Memorial Park: Village requested some mulch to be installed at the base of the small trees in the Memorial Park. Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Sipple, to approve fiber rings around the base of the trees. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission: Approved Coburn's Special Use Permit.

Roads: Complaints on 6th Street, was filled promptly. No update on 4th Street reconstruction.

New Business:

Budget Workshop - May 25, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Trash Day - May 21, 2016. Motion made by Brenner, supported by Sipple, to approve 5 dumpsters from CDI at \$380.00 per container. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Utility Network Authority - Response letter was sent out March 30, 2016 regarding tower to sell data service.

Mowing Bids - Motion made by Brenner to contract with Knightway Lawn & Landscape for \$18,000. Motion did not carry due to lack of support. Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Sipple, to contract with M n S Lawn Care Services for \$16,275. Roll Call: Leep - No, Brenner - No, Sipple - Yes, Smit - No, Tiemeyer - Yes. Motion did not carry. Motion made by Smit, supported by Sipple, to contract with C n C Lawn Care and Snowplowing for \$14,000 per 2016 season. Roll Call: Brenner - No, Sipple - Yes, Smit - Yes, Tiemeyer - Yes, Leep - Yes. Motion Carried.

Dust Control - Motion made by Brenner, supported by Sipple, to approve Southwestern Michigan Dust Control for \$12.50 per mile. Motion carried unanimously. Roll Call: Sipple -Yes, Smit - Yes, Tiemeyer - Yes, Leep -Yes, Brenner - Yes.

Farmland Agreement - Boersen - Smit informed the Board that she is still waiting on the Conservation Districts response.

Strategic Planning - Policy/Procedure Manual - The Board will be reviewing section 4 and discussing next meeting.

Brenner motioned to approve payment of bills.

Brenner retracts motion for payment of bills.

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

Budget: Motion made by Brenner, supported by Sipple, to amend budget per changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was received as information.

Board Reports:

Supervisor - Glenn - None

Clerk - Smit - Census Bureau

Treasurer - Tiemeyer - request from United Bank for a financial statement

Trustee - Jim - None

Trustee - Jack - None

Motion made by Brenner, supported by Sipple, to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachelle Smit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk