

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2017

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Leep, Brenner, Sipple and Smit present, Tiemeyer absent.

Motion made by Leep, supported by Sipple, to approve May 10 & May 24, 2017, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing 2017/2018

Motion made by Smit, supported by Brenner, to open the Budget and Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Smit opened up discussion for the Library, Fire Department, Roads and Township General Budget.

Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit to approve the Library, Fire Department, Roads and Township General Budget for 2017/2018 fiscal year as presented. Along with 2017/2018 headlee maximum amount for Martin Townships following millages:

Operating Millage at 0.8625 for a gain of 0.0066 and a total revenue gain of \$582.00.

Road Improvement Millage at 4.0000 for a gain of 0.0304 and total revenue gain of \$2682.00.

Fire Millage of 0.9996 for a gain of 0.0076 and total revenue gain of \$671.00.

Total revenue gain of \$3935.00.

Roll Call Vote – Brenner, Sipple, Smit and Leep. All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Brenner, supported by Sipple to close the Budget and Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 6:45p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ambulance: None

Cemetery: Survey is still in progress. Containers are full in Cemetery, Sipple will take care of.

Fire: B-93 Birthday Bash is complete. The Department is in good shape for the event. Wykstra has asked if the Department can use the money reserved for the air bottles (which the Grant may cover) for other expenses in this fiscal year? Leep has asked the Chief to do some more investigating on the radio tower repair or replacement and the direction that Martin Township can go with the situation. Engine 4 is in the shop for repair.

Library: The Library Board has expressed their gratitude for approval of paving the Library parking lot. The Library is expecting a good turn out with the Summer Reading Program.

Memorial Park: None

Planning Commission: Granted Nate Knight a permit for 5 years on a Special Use Permit for a gravel pit. There will be a meeting June 27th regarding Jack Arnsma's renewal of gravel pit.

Roads: Last layer of Dust Control will be applied June 15th and 16th on the remainder of gravel roads.

New Business:

Township Meeting Dates 2007/2018 – Motion made by Brenner, supported by Sipple to approve the meeting dates for 2017/2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Attorney – Motion made by Brenner, supported by Sipple to approve Jeff Sluggett as Martin Township's Attorney for 2017/2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Auditor – Motion made by Sipple, supported by Brenner to approve Peter Haefner as Martin Township's Auditor for 2017/2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Bank – Motion made by Sipple, supported by Brenner to approve United Bank as Martin Township's Bank for 2017/2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Assessor – Motion made by Brenner, supported by Sipple to approve Joshua Simmons as Martin Township's Assessor for 2017/2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Cemetery Ordinance # 77 – Smit presented the Board with Martin Township's cemetery ordinance for their review. The Board will review for possible amendments.

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

Motion made by Smit, supported by Leep, to amend budget per changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report - Received as information.

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Leep – Complaint on property

Clerk – Smit - None

Treasurer – None

Trustee - Jim - None

Trustee - Jack - None

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Brenner, to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rachelle Smit". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "R" and a cursive "Smit".

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk