

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Schipper, to approve July 11, 2018, regular Board meeting minutes and Election Commission minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Guests:

Ambulance: Calls are steady and things are going well with Wayland EMS.

Cemetery: Tiemeyer and her deputy Westendorp, went around the Cemetery and made many corrections from what is actual to what is in the computer regarding grave locations, etc. We are also experiencing several issues with cremation burials and when they are being buried. Tiemeyer will be in contact with other townships as to how they handle cremations. Tiemeyer has been having some issues with the Sexton, wrong foundations being poured and lining up graves correctly in Old East. Leep will talk to Visser to better communicate on work in the Township Cemeteries. Sipple will empty barrels soon as well. Leep will discuss with a surveyor to come help develop good corner pins to measure more accurate rows to help with the issues we are having with grave lines.

Fire: Wykstra presented an update on the department, there are officer classes starting next month in which the County is providing. 3 fire fighters from our department plan to attend. There are 3 exhaust fans that are not working, Wykstra will be in contact with an Electrician to look at. The floor in the fire station is extremely dangerous when it is wet and the department would like to apply a special coating on it at some point to help with safety in the matter. The department is experiencing a higher call volume, they are between 20-25 more calls than this time last year.

Library: Kelsey reported via email an update on the Library news, on August 27, State Representative, Mary Whiteford, will be at the Library from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The Book and Bake sale will be held October 19th-20th. The Summer Reading Program was a success and received more compliments than previous years. Numbers were lower than previous years. Kershaw plans to review and see what changes need to be made for next year. Movies on Main Street was well received by the public. The Library would like to continue the Movies on Main Street next summer. Teen Council and Toddler Time are on break until after Labor Day. The Library staff is in the planning stage for a Halloween – themed Lego party with the possibility of starting a regularly scheduled after school program.

Memorial Park: None

Planning Commission: None

Roads: Leep discussed with ACRC the concern of 120th and 6th Street and the lack of brine applied. They reapplied those areas where it was not good. The last of the gravel was put down as well. The Board discussed the matter of a second application of dust control this year. Motion made by Sipple, supported by Leep, to approve a second coat of dust control on all the gravel roads that had been applied previously. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Fire Millage Proposal per November Ballot – Resolution 2018-11

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Schipper, to approve Resolution 2018-11 for a proposed fire millage to be on the November ballot. The Fire and Emergency equipment millage is requesting .75 mills for 4 years. Roll Call; Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit and Tiemeyer. All Ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Farmland & Preservation Application –

Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit, to approve the farmland and open space application per Ronald and Betty Zeinstra. Motion carried unanimously. Smit will forward the application to the Conservation district for final approval.

Assessor Notice-

Martin Township Assessor, Mr. Simmons requested his wife to take over as the Assessor Title and he as the assistant. The Board would like a request from Mrs. Simmons and to meet her at the next Board Meeting. Smit will inform Mr. & Mrs. Simmons of this.

Old Business:

Township Hall Expansion – Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit, to table the Hall expansion project until further options are explored in alternates for more office space. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Smit, to approve TAG to help advise other potential avenues, per hourly rate. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Budget was presented and received for information.

Treasurer Report – Received for information

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn- Plans to attend court hearing regarding Knights case August 9, 2018. Leep also discussed with Kirk at PCI to speak with attorney prior to hearing to reiterate the costs the Township has incurred in Mr. Knights non-compliance case and recouping fees.

Clerk – Rachelle – Election went well with new equipment.

Treasurer – Sue – Received two fire run checks this month and a check from the Gun Lake Casino for 17K.

Trustee - John – None

Trustee – Jack – None

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Leep, to adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk