

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Schipper, to approve September 14, 2018, regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Guests:

Rick Cain, extended thanks to the community for support and looks forward to representing for our district as commissioner.

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

Ambulance: Slowing down from busy summer. Sarah Lynema states, there could possibly be an increase in Subsidy around 10K in the future.

Cemetery: Tiemeyer and her deputy, Westendorp, have been going through the cemeteries and creating new updates to provide the Board current, more accurate information. Tiemeyer also addressed the issue of clean up needed in cemetery with mulberries and fixing headstones that are leaning. Leep will be in contact with Visser to verify this work that needs attention. There has been a cemetery complaint received and will follow up regarding steps to improve the issues stated.

Fire: Chief Wykstra informed the board the grant has been written for the department, the department will be meeting with Alamo fire department, October 11, to help with wording and finalizing before submitting to the State. The department is still experiencing problems with the new radios and pagers. Chief expressed a fire safety concern due to fire fighters missing pages. He feels the system is not as good as the old one. 1 radio has been lost, replacement cost is roughly 4K. Smit will be in contact with the Insurance company to verify coverage. The department is busy preparing for the Halloween dinner and going door to door to inform voters of the millage proposal. There is a light over back door of fire station that is not working, Leep will get an Electrician lined up. Sipple stated that the brush on side bank in New East can be burned.

Library: Kelsey presented an update on library business. The library is preparing for the book & bake sale. Thank you to the Veterans for changing their meeting location to allow for the book and bake sale at the Township Hall. Friends of the library took a field trip to WMU archives and collected old information on JC Wheeler and will have a display. Leep stated that Dean Wubben, will be repairing the soffit and facia on the backside of the building. Marlene expressed that a door handle still needs to be installed in the community room. Leep will discuss with Wubben regarding installation.

Memorial Park: Schipper and Tiemeyer spent some time trying to clean off bricks, they weren't able to remove much of the residue on them. Tiemeyer stated there is no water spicket. Leep will find out if a frost-free hydrant can be installed in the new tank.

Planning Commission: None

Roads: Dust control has held well and maintained roads good, Leep will be in contact with ACRC to see when they will be out to grade.

New Business:

Farmland & Preservation Applications –

Motion made by Leep, supported by Schipper, to approve three farmland and open space applications per Doug & Jeanne DeMann. Motion carried unanimously. Smit will forward the application to the Conservation district & West Michigan Regional Planning Commission for final approval.

CDARS Renewal –

The CDARS program of 500K is up for renewal at United Bank. Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Sipple, to put back 250K of road money into CDARS and 250K will remain in general fund. Motions carried unanimously.

Snow Plow Ad –

Smit will post snow plow ad in the Penasee Globe, bid shall be due to the Clerk by November 9, 2018.

Old Business:

Township Hall Expansion –

Smit presented the Board with the additional options drawn up and rough estimates on, an addition to the Library for Township offices and storage space and/or a new structure on the vacant lot across from Township Hall. Both options were reviewed and decided as not the most cost effective and that, the original plan of expanding onto the existing Township Hall is more affordable. Tiemeyer will be working up numbers on financing, etc. from United Bank, the board will table any decisions until the next meeting.

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

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

Treasurer Report – Received for information

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn - informed the board on an issue regarding a permit for an Agriculture building, now the homeowner is going about a variance permit.

Clerk – Rachelle - Board of Review members are up for renewal 12/31/2018. Smit will publish an ad in the Penasee Globe seeking any interest be submitted to the Clerk no later than 11/10/2018.

Treasurer – Sue – requested to attend an MTA conference for her and her Deputy Treasurer on November 13, 2018 in the amount of \$113.00 per person. Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit, to approve the conference per Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee - John – expressed thanks to Chief Wykstra, for his hard work and efforts in the cooperation on the recent public protection classification survey. We are able to receive a better IOS rating because of it.

Trustee – Jack – questioned if the County will be cutting brush along the roadside in areas that are needed.

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Tiemeyer, to adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk