**MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**January 9, 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 December 12, 2018, regular Board meeting minutes with the changes noted. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Guests:

Heidi Saxton – Help Net representative, presented information regarding the support services and cost for the fire department.

**Ambulance:** None

**Cemetery:** Leep discussed with the board the opportunity for the Township to purchase 6 acres from the land owners, Hopkins AG Center, LLC that is adjacent to New East Cemetery for more burial plots. Mr. Jager and Mr. Smit met with Leep to review the layout of acreage that would be available to purchase by the Township at 9k per acre. They will consider terms so the Township can budget accordingly. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer, to purchase 6 acres at 9k with the possibility of terms, for expansion on New East cemetery. Motion carried unanimously. Leep will be in touch with land owners as well as a surveyor to design a projected layout.

**Fire:** Wykstra presented the board with an update on the fire department. United Bank provided the department with 12 blankets from their blanket drive. Wykstra will send a thank you. Three fire fighters are attending the academy. January 14, 2019 Wykstra will be meeting with Scott Corbin to discuss an incident action plan for the 131 dragstrip. Motion made by Smit, supported by Sipple, to approve new firefighter, Nathan Richardson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Library:** Kelsey presented an update on the Library news. They are working on research regarding the history of the Library and preparing displays for the 100th celebration open house on February 9, 2019 from 9-1. They will be providing punch and cookies.

**Memorial Park:** The north globe light is still not working. Leep will touch base with an Electrician. Kraai has not installed a hydrant at the park, Leep will also be in contact with Kraai.

**Planning Commission:**  There will be a special meeting, January 15, 2019 at 6:30 regarding amending the Zoning Ordinance per new laws on recreational marijuana.

**Roads:** Leep confirmed that the ACRC will be working on pulling in shoulders and cleaning up brush, etc. where needed within the township. Schipper discussed with our district contact, Phil, on some other issues that need attention such as trees cut prior to gravel down and discussion of paving 122nd between 10th street and the railroad tracks where it is the most problematic. The annual road meeting will be held at the Allegan County Road Commission on January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**New Business:**

**Charter Communications franchise change –** Motion made by Smit, supported by Sipple, to approve the contract transfer from Spectrum Charter to Spectrum Mid-America, LLC as an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Township Hall Expansion –** None

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

**Budget** – None

**Treasurer Report** – Received for information

**Board Reports:**

**Supervisor –** Glenn – none

**Clerk –** Rachelle **–** Audit is complete. Smit will get W2’s and 1099’s out by 1/15/19.

**Treasurer** – Sue – none

**Trustee -** John – none

**Trustee** – Jack – none

Motion made by Leep, supported by Sipple, to adjourn meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Smit

Martin Township Clerk