

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2019

Public Comment: State Representative, Mary Whiteford presented a synopsis of state legislative business.

Meeting called to order at 7:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Leep, Sipple, Schipper, present

Tiemeyer and Smit absent

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Leep, to approve July 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance: Calls are up from the last quarter. WAEMS is looking to fill an office position and are still considering if the position will be filled internally or if they will look outside of the department.

Cemetery: Old East has a large fir tree that is needing to be removed. Property Resolution has bid \$1400 to remove and clean up.

Fire: Wykstra presented an update on the Fire Department. They still haven't heard anything on the grant. 84 calls responded to year to date. Wykstra would like cadet Hunter Kershaw, who has already been serving on the department to be approved as a fire fighter now that he is 18. Motion made by Leep, supported by Schipper, to approve Hunter Kershaw as a fire fighter for Martin Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Library: Kelsey presented an update of Library business. There have been some documents that Kelsey has come in contact with regarding the history of the township and library. Kelsey will get the old documents to Scott Kuykendall to retain in the historical society. Summer reading Program has wrapped up and was a great success. Doubting Abby tea will be in September and Harry Potter month along with activities will be coming up soon also.

Memorial Park: None

Planning Commission: Pete Zeinstra presented an update of the Planning Commission business. Nate Knight is working on getting things resolved with the DEQ, according to their standards as well as the Planning Commission. Lori with PCI has been working closely with this situation and the DEQ. They are allowing until the next planning commission meeting in September for Mr. Knight to bring things to compliance.

Roads: Leep stated that the Road Commission is waiting on more suitable gravel as the previous gravel pit closed. Leep suggests a second application of dust control to be applied during September 1-10 timeframe. Motion made by Sipple, supported by Schipper, to approve a second application of dust control. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Cemetery software program – Motion made by Leep, supported by Schipper, to approve a new cemetery software program from John Schimmelmann, with Dreamt Software, in the amount of 3,000 which will include some data entering as well for the 3 cemeteries. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Township Hall Expansion – Schipper contacted PCI and inquired about the installation of drinking fountain per code. PCI verified that it is not necessary to have and it will be grandfathered in to previous construction codes.

Payment of Bills – Motion made by Leep, supported by Schipper, to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget report – None

Treasurer Report – Received for information

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn- The house north of Little Gem is abandoned and whomever purchases will assume back taxes.

Clerk – Rachelle – None

Treasurer – Sue – None

Trustee - Jack - None

Trustee - John – None

Motion made by Leep, supported by Schipper, to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk