

# **MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

## **September 11, 2019**

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 August 14, 2019 regular board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: none

Rick Cain, County Commissioner, presented a synopsis of county business.

**Ambulance:** None

**Cemetery:** Tiemeyer has an issue with a family member that appears to be buried in the wrong location. Tiemeyer has made the board aware of this problem and will be working with the Sexton on confirming the location of the grave. The Board also discussed that Old East needs some attention with wild sumac growing all over. The Board will consider expanding the lawncare and maintenance contract for next spring to include additional clean-up of shrubs, sumac, small trees, etc.

**Fire:** Chief Wykstra presented the Board with his retirement letter. Wykstra will retire on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 after serving on the department for 50 years. Chief has recommended Officer Kurt Knight to take his position as of November 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board has received Wykstra's recommendation and thanked him for the many years of dedication and service to the Martin Township Fire Department and for his sacrifice to this community. Wykstra also informed the Board that they have not received and word on the grant yet.

**Library:** Kelsey was not able to attend the meeting however she emailed the board a synopsis of the news going on at the Library.

**Memorial Park:** Tiemeyer is planning on planting new tulip and daffodil bulbs this fall.

**Planning Commission:** Schipper updated the Board on the last Planning Commission meeting. The DEQ met with Mr. Knight and feels he is working with them on his compliance issues.

**Roads:** Schipper met with Phil and Craig with the ACRC at 6<sup>th</sup> street between 122<sup>nd</sup> and 121<sup>st</sup> to look at and discuss a solution for water to flow off the road. They will be putting a work order together of changing the hill at 6<sup>th</sup> and 122<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business:**

**Snowplow Bid** - Smit will post the snow plow removal bid in the Allegan News. Bids will be due by October 7<sup>th</sup> to the Clerk.



**GLASA Restated Articles of Incorporation** – Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer to accept the restated articles of incorporation on behalf of Gun Lake Sewer and Authority. Motion carried unanimously. Smit will send signed papers per Martin Township to GLASA for their records.

**Recycling Contaminated & Education** – Clerk informed the Board of a recycling and education meeting that will be held September 18, 2019 if anyone is interested in attending.

**Old Business:**

**Township Hall Expansion –**

The first draw request of \$164,215 was submitted from FCC for payment. Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit to approve the first draw request as presented. Clerk will also inform FCC of the elevation changed to the parking lot look good and to proceed with construction on it.

**Payment of Bills** – Motion made by Leep, supported by Sipple, to approve the payment of bills as presented.

**Budget report** – Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve the budget changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report** – Received for information

**Board Reports:**

**Supervisor** – Glenn – PCI reports that Mr. Knight continues to be out of compliance regarding his septic system and plumbing without a permit. Motion made by Leep, supported by Sipple to communicate with Mr. Knight's attorney regarding these issues and work towards a resolution with the matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Clerk** – Rachelle – Smit will work on plaque verbiage for Jim Brenner. The annual Audit process is beginning with CPA. Martin Township will be holding a special Election on November 5 for the Plainwell School district bond proposal.

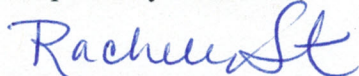
**Treasurer** – Sue – None

**Trustee** - Jack - None

**Trustee** - John – Discussed when to approve the new fire chief. The Board agreed at the Next regular township meeting they will appoint the new fire Chief per Chief Wykstra's recommendation.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Smit  
Martin Township Clerk