

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion made by Leep, supported by Sipple, to approve September 11, 2019 regular board meeting and September 24, 2019 special meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Schipper arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Public Comment: none

Ambulance: Lynema presented an update from the Wayland EMS. There has been an increase on coverage from AMR in Grand Rapids. The department is still looking for an office personnel.

Cemetery: Tiemeyer stated a family is interested in South Cemetery, north side of the drive which has not been plotted out yet. The extra lots will be put into the new cemetery software program but it will take 4-5 months until we would know the exact plot locations. Tiemeyer will get the program complete first and then input survey. Tiemeyer also informed the Board of a complaint on a cremation burial in which the hole was not dug. New East, north side blocks can be moved as the corn is now off. The Board discussed moving to the front along the road. The south bank some excavation work can begin, Leep and Sipple will take a look to see what can be started for expanding that side. The Board discussed and will consider which trees should come out before any damage is done. Leep will get some estimates on tree removals. Schipper mentioned the DNR forester may be able to consult on tree removals as well.

Fire: Wykstra presented an update on the Fire Department. Wykstra's retirement will be November 4, 2019, per his recommendation of Mr. Kurt Knight filling his replacement as new Chief as of November 5, 2019, the Martin Township Board discussed Kurt Knight as Chief Wykstra's replacement. Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer to appoint Kurt Knight as Fire Chief beginning November 5th 2019. Motion carried unanimously. Wykstra presented the Board with 2 new fire fighter applicants. Motion made by Leep, supported by Schipper, to approve Michael Fabijancic and Craig Tyler as new firemen. Motion carried unanimously. Both candidates served on previous departments and will be moving into the area within the next month or two. Officer Knight presented the Board with cost comparisons for the SCBA packs that will need to get purchased with the grant money. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve SCBA packs form 5 Alarm, in the amount of \$136,535.00. of which the grant money covers \$123,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. The department will have to take the extra cost out of turnout gear this fiscal year to maintain the budget.

Library: Kelsey presented news from the library. Downton Abby tea was fun. The book club will be reading Dracula. The light in the back of the building is not working and the gutters are full. Marlene Leep from the friends of the Library, states that the letters on the

sign are not staying attached and would like to know what to do with the issue. Leep suggest velcro on them so they can adhere better. Leep will also look into the light and fix the gutters along the backside of the building.

Memorial Park: Tiemeyer is wrapping up the Park for winter and will be planting bulbs soon. Tiemeyer also states that the crab apple tree is not looking good. Possibly look at remove and replant a new one next year.

Planning Commission: Next meeting will be December 3, 2019.

Roads: Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve the presented work order from ACRC for 6th Street, 1,500 ft S to 500 ft N of 122nd Ave, reshaping road and ditch. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Sipple, supported by Leep, to approve getting a work order to extend rebuilding 122nd Ave. from 7th Street to 6th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Snowplow Bid – Snowplow bids were received from DTW and Property Revolutions. DTW proposal for the 2019-2020 season is \$60.00 per push at the Township Hall and \$60.00 per push at the Library and \$80.00 per salting at each location. Property Revolution's proposal for the 2019-2020 season was \$55.00 per push at the Township Hall and \$55.00 per push at the Library and salting at .20 per lb. each location. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Sipple, to approve Property Revolution's proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Township Hall Expansion –

The second draw request of \$167,913.73 was submitted from FCC for payment. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Smit, to approve the second draw request as presented. Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve the change request for the apparatus bay for the increase of charges for winter construction and cost to have subcontractors return for the additional apparatus bay project. The new project cost will be \$349,697.00 Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Treasurer Report – Received for information

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn – Reported to the Board that all communications will go between Mr. Knights attorney going forward for compliance issues. The Township has been advised to wait it out for Mr. Knight to obtain a sewer permit.

Clerk – Rachelle – Annual audit with CPA will be October 10th

Treasurer – Sue – Presented the Board with a complaint regarding a miscommunication with a resident and the location to pay taxes, due to the project

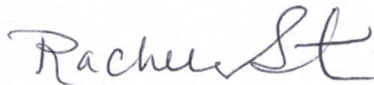
around the hall, they were steered to the Village and then back to the Township Hall location.

Trustee - Jack – Reported that there will be a ZBA meeting Monday, Oct. 14th regarding a variance application.

Trustee - John – None.

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Smit, to adjourn meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rachelle Smit".

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk