

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 8, 2020

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Tiemeyer, Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit present via remote meeting

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve March 4, 2020 regular board meeting minutes, Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Guests

Public Comment: None

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

Ambulance: None

Cemetery: The Board reviewed the revised suggested job descriptions for the Township Sexton and contracted mowing service responsibilities. Bid from Property Revolutions for brush hogging tall grass on North end of 10th Street Cemetery for \$120 per time. The Board has tabled until the next meeting. A bid was also received from Property Revolutions for a retaining wall in Old East, South drive on 8th Street in the amount of \$14,879.53 for moving, building with concrete blocks. Leep will discuss in more detail with the Sexton regarding the building and design of wall, tabled until further notice. Brush removal bid from Property Revolution, for South Cemetery in the amount of \$1580 was also tabled until a later date.

Fire: Chief Knight update the Board on the Department business. 2 firefighters have resigned for personal reasons. Chief Knight is holding out to hire new applicants due to the current stay at home order in place.

Library: Kelsey emailed a reported of Library business. Kershaw is keeping the Facebook page current with ongoing information to the public in this time of closure. Kershaw is checking in with the staff and payroll will continue on as they work remotely to continue services to patrons to access ebooks and audio books. Kershaw has proposed to reallocate the library budget from dues money to cover an online subscription for activities to use as a substitute for the regularly scheduled Summer Reading Program. The Board has agreed to reallocate those funds within the Library budget.

Memorial Park: None

Planning Commission: Next meeting in will be June 2, 2020

Roads: Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve work order for shoulder paving on 2nd Street from Marsh Road to 118th Ave. in the amount of \$44,915 to Allegan County Road Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mowing bid – Two bids were received to the Clerk for mowing the Township properties for 2020 season. Legacy Lawncare breakdown of quote for mowing was \$145 weekly at 10th St. Cemetery, \$200 spring clean-up, \$495 fall clean-up. For the 8th St. Cemetery - \$225 weekly mowing, \$200 spring clean-up, \$495 fall clean-up. Township Hall \$35 weekly mowing, \$60 spring clean-up, \$125 fall clean-up. Vacant Lot - \$30 weekly mowing and \$60 fall clean-up. Library - \$30 weekly mowing and \$95 fall clean up.

Property Revolution, LLC. quote for the season is a flat rate of \$16,500 for weekly mowing, spring and fall clean-up. After discussion of the bids received, motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve Property Revolution for the Township contracted mowing service. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-05 – Fire Operating Renewal Millage – Clerk has not received the draft ballot language proposal from the Attorney, tabled until received.

Old Business:

Township Hall Expansion – Motion made by Schipper, supported by Sipple, to approve the 8th draw request in the amount of \$30,453.69 to FCC Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Treasurer Report – Received for information

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn – waiting to hear back on Trash Day quotes.

Clerk – Rachele – Trash Day date set for May 23 with the possibility of change due to current stay at home order. The Budget Workshop is set for May 27th at 6:00 p.m.

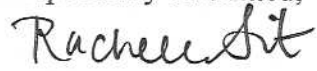
Treasurer – Sue – wondering if the Board would like pots of flowers around the building, and how many with the new design? The Board discussed 4-5 Pots from Zeinstra's Greenhouse would be good. Tiemeyer will get them ordered.

Trustee - Jack – None

Trustee - John – brought up the discussion to make sure the fire operating renewal millage is all in order to be on the August 2020 ballot. Clerk Smit confirmed she is working on the language with the Attorney and will get the draft for approval to the Board once received.

Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer, to adjourn meeting at 7:15 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle Smit". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned directly below the phrase "Respectfully submitted,".

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk