

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2020

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Tiemeyer, Leep, Sipple, Schipper, and Smit present.

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Schipper, to approve the June 10 regular board meeting and Truth N Taxation meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Guests:

Public Comment: County Clerk, Genetski presented a county wide update from the Clerk and Register of Deeds office and provided an annual report as well.

County Commissioner - None

Ambulance: None

Cemetery: Tiemeyer informed the Board that the Sexton will be out for the next 2 weeks due to health issues. There is a cremation burial that will need to be done before the Sexton can return to work and we will need a possible back up. Leep states that he would be willing to take care of anything needed for that. Tiemeyer also stated that there is a family member whose dad was cremated and the family is looking to add their mother to the same grave and have the headstone extended. The old foundation would need to be removed and a new one poured. The Township currently does not have a cost in place for this service. The Board discussed cost based on what foundations are to install. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Sipple, to approve .20 per sq. inch to have an existing foundation removed. All ayes, motion carried unanimously. Leep presented the Board with the proposed layout per Jonker Surveys for the new part of the Old East cemetery. Leep proposed eliminating section K & E from the drawings as the road would encroach to those sections. The road then could be a 20' roadway, removing M & N sections as well as singles plots 45-37 per layout design. The road shall shift 20' for the drive, section N existing all the way through, shifting section O to the South. All the driveways we would be adding and the existing would then be 20'. The Board discussed the complete layout and changes to the renderings to what makes the most use of space for the new section. Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Schipper, to approve and accept the changes presented. All ayes, motion carried unanimously. Leep will be in contact with the surveyor for the changes to be made for the final rendering.

Fire: Knight presented the Board with an update from the Department. They have received and been using the new fuel cards. Knight also informed the Board that the Martin Fire Department presented Watson Township regarding their partnership with Hopkins and assisting them in the future should they wish to continue working with us. Calls have been up for the Department. They responded to 2 house fires recently also. Grain bin rescue equipment is starting to come in form the Grant. Nate Richardson and Courtney Skylar are now full fire fighters on the department. They have completed all the necessary training required. There are 17 currently serving on the Department.

Library: Emailed report from Kelsey was received.

Memorial Park: All the trees have been beat up badly around the bottom of them. Leep applied a clear coating to the scrapes and scares to help prevent further damage to them. The Township does not know how or what caused the damages?

Planning Commission: June 2nd meeting has been canceled. The Planning Commission has rescheduled their quarterly meeting to July 28th at 7p.m. in person at the Township Hall.

Roads: Dust Control is wearing out and the chatter bumps are getting bad. 7th Street has had more dust control applied.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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

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

Treasurer Report – Received for information.

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn – None

Clerk – Rachele – Firework application was approved and sent back to the agency per July 4th at the 131 Motor Sports Park. All the Election Inspectors have completed their training. Each Township will receive 1000.00 for PPE for plus 500.00 for a Ballot container for Absentee ballots under the CARES Act. The annual Audit is scheduled for August 11, 2020 with the Treasurer and Clerk.

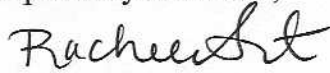
Treasurer – Sue – None

Trustee - Jack – None

Trustee - John – 12th street utility company on property along highway, should have PCI look into the property, Leep will contact Zoning administrator regarding. Schipper stated that FCC will be back to finish up last of the punch list items.

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Tiemeyer, to adjourn meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk