

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2020

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve the July 8, 2020 regular board meeting and Election Commission Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Guests:

Public Comment: None

County Commissioner - None

Leep Arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Ambulance: Sarah Lynema presented an update with the Wayland EMS

Cemetery: USA Earthworks presented a proposal for screened millings in Old East Cemetery for the drives. The Board discussed that the Township isn't ready to lay millings on the drives for now as there will be additional work for the new part. For now, the Board feels that putting 20 yards of gravel down to help build up drives will be sufficient until further site work is completed. Motion made by Sipple, supported by Leep to approve 20 yards of gravel. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire: Chief Knight presented an update with the Fire Department. Call volumes have been up this last month. Two fire fighters have stepped down from the Department, Aaron Meyers and Ryan Jager. They currently have 17 fire fighters and 3 Cadets serving. Martin Township has responded to 106 calls year to date. Tiemeyer presented the Board with a spreadsheet of the fire runs bills sent out and what has been received year to date as well.

Library: Kelsey presented a report from the Library. The Summer Reading Program is wrapping up. The Library will continue to utilize the online Bean Stack program. There will be awards as usual for the SRP. Book Club is still meeting outside as long as the weather permits. Kershaw is reading out loud and recording, posting it to Face Book. The kids are enjoying that. MEL just started up again and curbside is still available also.

Memorial Park: None

Planning Commission: Schipper updated the Board from their July 28, 2020 meeting. Heather from PCI presented the Planning Commission Board for their review, the sand and gravel Ordinance. Schipper discussed with the Township Board members, if the Township would like to have approval once the PC passes something then approval could also go to the Martin Township Board. Schipper will get more clarification from PCI on options.

Roads: Allegan County Road Commission will be applying a single row across the middle of some roads in the township for additional dust control. Leep called and sent several pins to the county for brush clean up along the shoulders noted. Leep will follow up with the county.

New Business: None

New Tabulator for and Absentee Vote Counting Board – Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve a second tabulator for Martin Township in the amount of \$2350.00. The State of Michigan will match the other half with a grant from the Bureau of Elections. Smit will get the paperwork submitted.

Old Business: None

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

Budget report – Received for information.

Treasurer Report – Received for information.

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn – called PCI regarding the company along 131 and Martin Exit to have them check into all the equipment, etc.

Clerk – Rachele – presented an update on the August 4th Primary Election. The Clerk also discussed with the Board all the increased work load with Elections, primarily due to Proposal 2018-03 and the responsibilities involved and for the Board to consider an increase of the Clerks pay somehow. Smit will be in contact with the Attorney to find out options for possibly increase salary or a stipend per Election for the additional work and time involved.

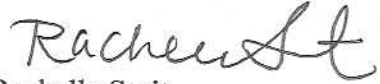
Treasurer – Sue – discussed with the Board that due to our Sexton's health issues, he informed her that we may need to look into other possibilities as he is not able to commit to doing the work.

Trustee - Jack – None

Trustee - John – updated the Board of the communication with FCC regarding the puddling of water on the apparatus bay floor and the 2 doors that are still not working properly. FCC will be coming out to meet and discuss.

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Leep, to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle Smit". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial "R" and a stylized "S" at the end.

Rachelle Smit

Martin Township Clerk