

# MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

## September 09, 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 Schipper, supported by Sipple, to approve the August 12, 2020 regular board meeting.

Welcome Guests:

**Public Comment:** Scott Beltman from Monterey Township presented the Board with their Townships decision as well as many other neighboring townships in the rural areas to consider allowing or opting in, for an ORV Ordinance. He provided some samples language from other Counties that allow the use of ORV on the roads and other discussions on the subject. The County Commissioners turned it down 7-0 for the uses to drive ORV legally on the road. Scott presented his hopes that if enough township get together and allow, the County may reconsider adopting an Ordinance for ORV within Allegan County.

County Commissioner – Commissioner, Cain presented an update from the County.

**Ambulance:** None

**Fire:** Chief Knight presented an update from the department, calls have been consistent. The Department is continuing to attend Watson Township's meetings to keep a working relationship for fire department assistance between Watson and Martin Township.

**Library:** Kelsey presented an update from the Library. The Library Board has decided to go fine free, following suit to many other Libraries. Kershaw is receiving training to help offer assistance to seniors when needing help choosing a medicare plan. The summer reading online program had a great success, participation was at 91%.

**Cemetery:** Leep has been in communication with Gun Plain Township to see options for a new Sexton. Tiemeyer will be in contact with the company that Gun Plain uses for foundation work, etc. and see if we can get something set up with them also. Martin Township is seeking a new Sexton as the Cody Visser has resigned due to health issues. Smit will put an advertisement in the Allegan News and on the website.

**Memorial Park:** None

**Planning Commission:** Schipper gave an update from the last Planning Commission meeting. The planning Commission Board has put together what they feel is a good fit for our township that would amend our Sand and Gravel Ordinance when necessary. They will wait to see how PCI advises. PCI has also been in contact with the company operating on 12<sup>th</sup> Street along 131 near exit 55, it appears they will be going for a special use permit to be in compliance with the Township.

**Roads:** Leep stated that a single layer of brine was applied to help maintain dust control for the fall season. More brush has also been trimmed along roadside that were bad.

**New Business:**

**ORV – Resolution 2020-13** – Motion made by Schipper, supported by Sipple, to approve the Resolution 2020-13 presented which states that Martin Township is for allowing the use of ORV on roads in Martin Township. Motion carried unanimously.

**PA116 Application** – Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve G & H Leep, LLC farmland and preservation application. Motion carried unanimously. Smit will send copies to the designated organizations for further approval.

**Interlocal Surcharge Agreement – Allegan County Recycle Program** – Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit, to approve the PGU with Allegan County and Martin Township for the recycling program. Motion carried unanimously. Smit will forward the contract to the County for their records.

**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 – Leep stated that roadside have been cleaned up nice and appreciates that. The Road Commission is putting a hold on resurfacing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, they may do half now and half later.

**Clerk** – Rachelle – Smit discussed with the Board regarding getting direct deposit up and running, just waiting on the Bank to get things set up on their end. Smit presented the Board with options to increase pay for all the extra work involved with elections recently and going forward. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve a \$1500.00 stipend per election for this fiscal year and will evaluate at the budget workshop for future elections. Motion carried unanimously. Smit applied for Center for Tech and Civic life's responds grant for election supplies and PPE equipment, etc. Smit also updated the Board on the recount that was conducted across Allegan County.

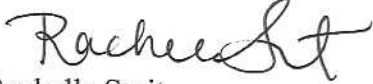
**Treasurer** – Sue – None

**Trustee - Jack** – Sipple discussed with the Board if gravel was delivered yet and that the back of the cemetery needs some attention. There seems to be spoils dumped along the backside and that should get cleaned up. Sipple thanked the board also for the condolences on behalf of his wife passing and appreciated the flowers that the members donated.

**Trustee - John** – Schipper updated the Board on his conversations with FCC and the work that will be redone in the apparatus bay. They will be cutting out the drain and lowering to prevent water puddling

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle Smit".

Rachelle Smit  
Martin Township Clerk