

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 11, 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 October 14, 2020 regular board meeting minutes.

Welcome Guests:

County Commissioner – Cain Absent

Ambulance: None

Fire: Chief Knight presented an update from the fire department. Call are down this quarter. The department is still waiting on the grant money for hazard pay. Leep and Knight met with Watson Township to discuss the fire contract district change for 2021. Per the meeting with Watson and discussing of cost, Martin Township will propose an annual contract with them for 8,000, covering 1/3 of what Martin Fire Dept. currently does. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Smit to approve proposal #2 to Watson for the new district coverage and 8,000.00 contract. Motion carried unanimously. The Board also discussed seeking approval from Watson to bill for fire runs to individuals as another way to help recoup costs. If Watson is okay with the inquiry, Martin Township will seek attorney review to make sure our fire run ordinance is compliant with the law.

Library: Kelsey presented a Library report. Denzel will still cover the social media aspect and library newsletter duties from home and Kershaw has hired Courtney Griffis to help with in person responsibilities as an aide to the Librarian while staying within the payroll budget. There has been a furnace leak at the Library. An Insurance claim has been made to cover the damages and repairs.

Cemetery: Simpson discussed with the Board that he has completed all the foundations that was asked of him. There were 3 large headstones that Jesse and Mark Simpson had to reset on the foundations. That also has been completed. Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Smit to pay each of them, \$150.00 for their labor as that is the cost for the monument company to repair. Motion carried unanimously. Simpson offered to the Board that he would be willing to remove all the Veteran flags within one week from Veterans Day if we would like to have him do that. Tiemeyer stated that the Veterans typically do this but she will check with them to see if this is something they would be interested in having done. The Board discussed installing t-posts to prevent graves from being driven over and the road widening. Simpson will get with Tiemeyer to go over which sections that have graves very close to the drives. He will stake them with t-posts to help protect those graves. Tiemeyer discussed that Visser disposed of an old foundation that he re did and it was dumped in the weeds in the Cemetery. Visser will be contacted to have the foundation be removed and properly taken care of. Leep flattened out section L which is to be the first section seeded and staked for more graves.

Memorial Park: Closed up for winter

Planning Commission: Smit informed the Board that Mark Van Elderen and Don Dekema's term expire December 31, 2020. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held December 2 and will cover 3 permit applications as well as discussing the gravel Ordinance.

Roads: 2nd Street project is complete. Annual road meeting for district 6 will be held at the ACRC January 5, 2020.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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

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

Treasurer Report – Received for information.

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn - None

Clerk – Rachelle – updated the Board regarding the Election for Martin Township. 905 in person voters and 613 absentee voters.

Treasurer – Sue – None

Trustee - Jack – With the Sexton staking the cemetery corners to protect graves and the road from widening, there should be a little more gravel brought in to spread along the north of the south drive. 14 yards of gravel was delivered so far and the Board discussed having another load delivered.

Trustee - John – None

Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting called to order to reconvene at 8:03 p.m. Motion made by Smit, supported by Leep to approve 1 load of gravel to continue to build the drive up in New East. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Leep, supported by Tiemeyer to approve grass seed and equipment from Schipper Farms in the amount of 406.00 for South Cemetery in areas of need. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer to adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle Smit". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Rachelle Smit

Martin Township Clerk