

**MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**May 12, 2021**

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 Tiemeyer, to approve the April 14, 2021 regular board meeting minutes.

Welcome Guests

County Commissioner – Cain presented an update regarding County business.

**Ambulance:** None

**Fire:** Calls have leveled off. Chief Knight presented Samantha Orr as a fire fighter applicant for the department. Motion made by Smit, supported by Schipper, to approve Samantha Orr as a new member of the fire department. Motion carried unanimously. The department will host a hero event at Hidden Ridge RV Park this weekend at 10 am. The department is still waiting on insurance claim for incident on April 4, 2021 and potential options for truck replacement.

**Library:** Summer Reading Program is all set. Many donations have come in as well.

**Cemetery:** Mark Simpson is almost done with all of the repair footings he is replacing that were out of line. Tiemeyer suggested for more dirt and grass seed to put down in locations where there has been a lot of burials.

**Memorial Park:** Opening up and preparing for Memorial Day.

**Planning Commission:** Next meeting will be June 1, 2021.

**Roads:** The Township received two bids for gravel for approximately 4300 yards. Quote from R. Smith & Sons for \$70,864 and Stone Co. for \$72,138. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Smit, to approve gravel bid from R. Smith and Sons for 2021 gravel. Motion carried unanimously. Leep will discuss with ACRC for additional gravel for 119<sup>th</sup> Street. Leep will be discussing with Ryan Brown regarding 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. road project and the proposed estimate for the railroad construction cost. The Township does not want to pay for the railroad upgrade for 135,000.00. The ACRC will have a meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> for discussion, Leep will be attending.

**New Business:**

**Interurban Agreement** – Tiemeyer has agreed to be the representative on behalf of Martin Township for the Interurban agreement to establish trail-ways committee.

**FEMA** – Leep will discuss with Supervisor Mike Vandenberg from Gun Plain Township regarding the efforts they are working on to appeal flood zones within their jurisdiction. Public notices will be May 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Allegan County (all jurisdiction) after which property owners must appeal within 90 days of the second notice. Martin Township will consider how to respond for appealing proposed flood hazard determination in our area.

**Old Business:** None

**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 Tiemeyer, to amend budget items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report** – Received for information. Tiemeyer informed the Board that the CDARS is up for renewal. The Board discussed renewing for 15 months or the minimum months available.

**Board Reports:**

**Supervisor** – Glenn – None

**Clerk** – Rachelle – None

**Treasurer** – Sue – Tiemeyer stated that a light in the Memorial Park needs fixing. Tiemeyer also thanked Sexton, Mark Simpson for the good work he has been doing in the Cemeteries and passed compliments from residents who have also commented on the nice work.

**Trustee** - Jack – Sipple suggests removing metal stakes in the Cemeteries and that it would be nice to have them cleaned up prior to Memorial Day. One corner is starting to widen, he also commented that putting a little more topsoil and a couple boards to prevent cutting corners.

**Trustee** - John – Schipper asked the time frame for the upcoming Trash Day on May 22, 2021. It will be located at the Library from 9 am – 2 pm.

Gary Brinkhuis discussed with the Board the amount for the curb construction on Templeton Street. He proposed paying half the bill from FCC and the cost relating. The Board will discuss and be in contact with the Village at a later date.

Motion made by Sipple, supported by Tiemeyer, to adjourn meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Smit  
Martin Township Clerk