

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 9, 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 Sipple, supported by Schipper, to approve May 12, 2021 regular board meeting.

Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Smit, to approve Resolution 2021-07. Motion carried unanimously.

Truth and Taxation Public Hearing

Welcome Guests:

Public Comment – Keith from Clipper Café presented a Hometown event he will be hosting July 10th. He would like any participation from the Township Board. Leep extended a thank you to Keith as well for the lunch provided to those who ran the annual Trash Day.

County Commissioner – None

Ambulance: Lynema presented an update on the WAEMS.

Fire: Chief Knight updated the Board regarding the truck repair, the cab and chassis has been ordered. The Department has responded to 102 calls year to date. A fire work display application was submitted to the Board from SFG Promotion. Motion made by Smit, supported by Leep, to approve the application per a \$500 escrow check, \$100.00 application fee and a surety bond for the amount of \$100,000.00 per the Townships ordinance. The Department will also be looking into finding more secure avenues to collect fire run fees and insurance billings.

Library: Kelsey updated the Board with Library business, the Summer Reading Program has kick started with all activities taking place outside, weather permitting.

Cemetery: Simpson has done 2 burials this month. Section L of the cemetery markers were also installed. Simpson will be working on cleaning brush up. Sipple stated that the cemetery looks very nice. There was 1 grave that appears to have been hit by lawn mower and dirt is disturbed around the grave. Leep will be in contact with the lawn care company to discuss. Tiemeyer received a couple complaints of plots that need grass seed planted. It has been too dry to plant but the Sexton will take care of as soon as the weather permits. There has also been a request to pour a new foundation for a grave that is from the late 1800's. Tiemeyer will inform them of a \$50 fee to have the new foundation poured. Tiemeyer received a \$1000 donation for maintenance in the cemetery. Leep will get a load of top dirt delivered to New East for some areas that are in need.

Memorial Park: Everything is looking good in the park.

Planning Commission: Schipper updated the Board on the June 1 meeting. Dover farms in expanding adding several more sites. The Fire Department will add more hydrants. There was discussion on the gravel processing as well. The next meeting will be in September. There was mention for an increase for the Planning Commission meetings per diem increase. The Budget has already been established and set for the fiscal year. The Board will consider at next year budget meeting.

Roads: Leep had a meeting with Phil at the Allegan County Road Commission regarding gravel shortage on 120th Ave. Brine will be applied over fresh gravel. Leep also called Jason Edwards in regards to the final reports for the railroad engineering on 122nd Ave and potential options for the 122nd street project.

New Business:

Review ORV Ordinance – The Board reviewed the draft ordinance for Allegan County ORV.

Township Meeting Dates – Motion made by Smit, supported by Schipper, to approve the proposed meeting dates to continue as the 2nd Wednesday of each month for 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Attorney – Motion made by Schipper, supported by Sipple, to approve Bloom Sluggett and Garan Lucow Miller, PC for legal representation for the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Auditor – Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, to approve Vredeveld and Haefner for the Township auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Bank – Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Sipple to approve United Bank for the Townships bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit, to approve half of the original bill sent to the Village for the curb work done when the expansion project happened. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Treasurer Report – Received for information.

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn – None

Clerk – Rachelle – None

Treasurer – Sue – Tiemeyer stated she would like approval to collect 1% interest and 3% penalty for tax collection for the new fiscal year. Motion made by

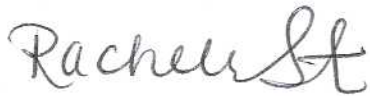
Sipple, supported by Schipper, to approve 1% interest and 3% penalty for tax collection. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee - Jack - None

Trustee - John - None

Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer, to adjourn meeting at 7:59 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk