

# Martin Township Board Meeting

July 14, 2021

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Schipper, Sipple, Tiemeyer and Smit

Guests: Denise Dykstra, Kurt Knight, Mark Simpson, Alice Kelsey, Austin Marsman, David Young

Schipper made motion to approve June minutes and Smit approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Smit : Introduce the meeting, mention of Leep out of town

Public Comment : None

County Commissioner : None

Ambulance : None

Fire – Chief Knight brought to board that Eddie Oetman donated \$5,000 from his estate to the Fire Department. It was suggested by Chief Knight to purchase a Lucas 3 chest compression device. Discussion over how to cover full cost, suggested using CHS grant money, sinking fund, casino money or general fund sinking. Tiemeyer approved, Schipper supports, all yes, motion carries to purchase Lucas 3 chest compression device. Fire Truck Repair : updating light bar. Requesting to do these changes according to budget to fire truck repair - adding chevron to match others, hose reel added because they realize they use that a lot more than they ever thought they would, considering changing glass to heat glass, mention of bigger lights on back of truck. Schipper motioned, Tiemeyer supported, motion carried unanimously. Good comments received on dunk tank and balloon fight at Martin Hometown Day July 10.

Library – Alice Kelsey shared that the weather has been good for outdoor book club meetings. Reported that there are low summer reading numbers. Library continues to do outdoor summer reading functions and toddler time. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of July the Library will have a table up at Orangeville days. Library is done quarantining books by ALA approved. Library Director Kershaw is keeping up with the changing MIOSHA's new policies. Friends of the Library had a very successful bake sale at Memorial Day parade and plan to have a book sale in the Township hall come fall. Also, mention of water in the back room and Kershaw had fans on to help with

the flooding, thoughts this may have happened due to the massive amount of rain in recent weeks. There has been no word from the ambulance side of the library about flooding.

Cemetery – Township Sexton Simpson reported there have been four full burials, one cremation. Mention of several foundations on the grass side. Old east is having tree removal, leaving the high stumps for driveway marker. Looking at adding blocks at the driveway maybe in August. Mention of Old East has dropped so much but mention of culvert is there. Also, all L markers are in. Mention of helpful cemetery survey. Also mention that grass is pretty tall at cemetery, suggestion of letting mowers know when to mow for upcoming funerals so they know to mow before funeral or to now mow because of a funeral. Nate Wims Excavating (this was mentioned, note taker does not have official excavating company to add to notes) to put in blocks. Tiemeyer mentioned that south cemetery was given to Martin by Monteith family and it was asked by a Monteith family member if that cemetery was supposed to be fenced in and if this information could be found on the deed. Tiemeyer did research and the cemetery was approved in 1926, she found all the paperwork, and fencing was not at all mentioned in the deed. Mention the Cowen family is mentioned in paperwork and not the Monteith family.

**NOTE – Nate Wind of Precision Land Management for the excavating**

<https://precisionlandmgmt.com/>

**Note adjusted to be correct after board meeting on 8/14**

Memorial Park – Tiemeyer had nothing new to report on the Memorial Park but did mention that the Lions Club has a flag to donate. The flag is large, 8 foot by 12 foot, and they would like to hang it in the township so it can be appreciated. The Lions Club would still use the flag whenever they needed it but they would keep it in the meantime in township. Discussion of where to put the flag up. Decided in the end to put flag up in back bay on east wall so it stays protected.

Planning Commission – there is a September quarterly meeting

Roads – 122<sup>nd</sup> bid for rail road but there is nothing yet. Decided to add one more application for dust control in August.

New Business

## Resolution 2021-08

Smit proposed to return the Center for Technology and Civic Life grant. The 5,000 grant was used to purchase the AV tabulator and payment to Election Inspectors for hazard pay. When it was found that the grant was Zuckerberg funded, Smit said she did not feel comfortable having any outside involvement in the election. Smit made motion to return the \$5,000, Schipper supported. Roll call: Smit, yes. Schipper, yes. Sipple, yes. Tiemeyer, yes. Roll call pass.

## American Rescue Plan Funding

American Rescue Plan Funding has changed how it's done now. It is required to apply by July 27<sup>th</sup>. The Funding is if you have been financially impacted by CoVid. Tiemeyer mentioned she had just received some emails she needs to research on this funding. Smit mentioned she would check with Genetski on more information on the funding as well. Questions are still not answered about what the money from the funding can be used for as there has been no official word, just a general mention of being used for water, sewer, and broadband. The funds are allocated by the federal government and can not be used for the basic budget. Schipper suggests to apply now, at least then beginning the process, and Smit will contact lawyer (Jeff) for more information as well. Thought was that if they don't use it, they will just return it.

## Old Business

None

## Payment of Bills

Quick mention that one Payroll was not direct deposited so handwritten check was given to that one employee.

Schipper motioned to pay bills, Smit supported.

## Budget report

Amendments – Treasurers miscellaneous to take from supply budget to cover difference.

Principal payment on truck will be taken care of by Peter.

Cemetery foundation to be a wash.

Zoning inspection fee should be the same, mention a lot more building permits were quite up.

Reimbursement for personal property tax for drains at large.



Board Reports

Smit – things going well for August election for the school operating millage. Good bunch of absentee ballots are in already.

Tiemeyer - nothing

Schipper – nothing

Sipple – nothing

Motion made by Smit, supported by Schipper to adjourn meeting at 7:20pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denise Dykstra". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D".

Denise Dykstra

Martin Township Deputy Clerk