

# Martin Township Board Meeting

## Minutes

October 13, 2021

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Leep, Tiemeyer, Sipple, Schipper and Smit was absent

Approval of Minutes

One change – road number needed adjustment

Minutes approved – Schipper motion for approval, Tiemeyer seconds, minutes approved

Welcome to Guests: Dave Young, Rick Cain, Sarah Lynema and Alice Kelsey. Also present: Fire Department and Cemetery.

No public comment.

Rick Cain – County Commissioner

Reported he was happy to see the Allegan County Health Department lift the school mask mandate. Talked about the redistricting that is taking place and that he will soon no longer be Martin's County Commissioner. Said it may be in December when there is a broadband update.

Ambulance – Sara Lynema

Mentioned that EMS is busy right now with requests for transfers. Cathy has been back in office. Educational License is reinstated. Received \$192 thousand in grants, new ambulance will be delayed 2022. Wayland call volume is very high.

Fire – Kurt Knight

- Call Volume is up on average from this time in previous years, we have already surpassed last year's record year.
- We received notification that we were not awarded the AFG Grant that was submitted last year to update our extrication equipment.
- Building Maintenance—
  - Would like no parking signs put up on front and rear bays. Also, would like to have some type of a sign or letters on the building denoting our building is a fire station.

- Review of Quote from Boniface for heating and cooling of the fire office and server room.
- Engine 12-12 is at Spencer's having the body and pump removed. Chassis is set to arrive Nov. 1. final delivery should be set no later than February.
- MFR Program is set to start November 3<sup>rd</sup> running every Monday and Wednesday nights from 6pm-10pm through February. We purchased the whole class and charging neighboring departments \$600 a seat for their members to attend. This will allow us to recoup some of our cost opposed to paying for our own members seats through Wayland EMS and not gaining any recoup costs from neighboring departments.
- MFR/Utility Vehicle-Gun Lake Casino is selling/Donating 2012 Ford Explorer with 117,000 miles and is asking \$1. Our leadership would like to pursue this option for several reasons including:
  - Updating the aging squad 12-61 1993 Chevy Tahoe (WAEMS's Squad now that we are using)
  - In recent months since having the squad we have found it to be incredibly useful on other incidents other than just medicals for example; wire down calls, tree down calls, training, moving manpower to various points, PR opportunities and department business. While Wayland EMS has graciously allowed us to use the current vehicle for these purposes, we are noticing an increase in use for these other activities and feel it would serve the department and community well to have our own department owned utility vehicle.
  - In the event Wayland EMS was ever to dissolve or run into operational problems having our department owned squad this would easily allow us as a department to obtain state licensure as an MFR department and seamlessly continue the MFR service to our community.
  - Mr. Hess of WAEMS supports this opportunity and is open to discussions about dual insuring and sharing of fuel costs.
- Capt. Thomas, Lt Thompson, FF Schipper, FF Kershaw and Probationary FF Orr are currently working as a committee to review and update our department SOG's.
- Consumers Energy has paid their invoices for all of the wire down calls from August. There was 1 that they did not pay. Due to a miss communication on the wording in dispatches report and what actually happened. I have contacted consumer's energy about this and they are sending it back for review so we should have word in the next couple of days. I will be requesting to put hourly portion for fire fighters in payroll so we can pay our guys hourly for those calls like in the past. Hopefully will have grand total once they make a decision on that last call.

#### Library – Alice Kelsey

New hire Debie Gossman is doing great and Director Alicia Kershaw even got a vacation. One Friday the library was closed while they waited for employee to have a clear Covid Test. Book Sale brought in \$300. Middle School is visiting the library again. Teens are doing another time capsule. The library's October meeting was changed to Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> due to some scheduling conflicts.

#### Cemetery – Mark

Three cremations, one foundation this month so far. Old East drive is much better. Two more upcoming funerals coming up. Trying to get someone to lift a foundation still.

Memorial Park – Sue Tiemeyer

Working on putting the garden to bed for the season. Tulips should arrive soon. Plan to leave the plum tree alone until spring and recheck it then.

Planning Commission Report – John Schipper

Concerning Blue Frog, owners agreed to a ten foot tall fence and on the west side of the property adding pine trees and stones. Arnsman wanted to expand to more days to haul and the planning commission turned it down.

Roads – Jack Sipple

122<sup>nd</sup> is coming along

New Business

Ordinance #130 – Amendment to the Martin Township Zoning Ordinance for the official zoning map.

Motion passed: Schipper motioned, Tiemeyer supports. Roll Call shows Tiemeyer, yes. Leep, yes. Sipple, yes. Schipper, yes. Motion passes.

Old Business – none

Payment of Bills

Schipper, motion to approve. Sipple, support. Motion carries.

Budget

Received for information.

Treasurer Reports

Received for information.

Board Reports

Glenn Leep – road side banks look great

Sue Tiemeyer – nothing

Rachelle Smit – snow plowing bids have been published. December 4 for Christmas party. Leep motioned, Schipper supported and motion carries to have a Christmas Party for Township employees on December 4.

Jack Sipple – nothing

John Schipper – packet looks good, numbers look good.

Adjournment at 7:45 pm by Leep motioning for close of meeting and Tiemeyer supporting. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Dykstra

Martin Township Deputy Clerk