

MARTIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2022

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 Leep, to approve the December 8, 2021 regular board meeting minutes.

Welcome Guests:

Lori with Safe Harbor presented a request for any contribution amount from ARPA Funds for the program that serves all of Allegan County and parts of Barry Co. satellite program.

County Commissioner – Cain presented an update of County business.

Ambulance: Smit will check into Plainwell EMS for a quote for their contract services.

Fire: None

Library: None

Cemetery: Simpson stated there were three burials for the month. Tiemeyer discussed an issue with one of the burials that did not have enough room for a complete burial. There was room nearby to move the grave close to the original plot. Simpson informed the Board that he has been experiencing some health issues and will be doing his responsibilities to the best of his ability.

Memorial Park: Closed up for winter

Planning Commission: Kevin DeKoeKoek informed Leep that he does not want to renew his term. Matt Double provided a verbal request to be on the Planning Commission. Motion made by Smit, supported by Sipple, to approve Matt Double as the new planning commission member for a 2022-2024 term. Schipper discussed a special meeting coming up January 25, 2022 for Nate Knight SUP request.

Roads: Leep presented an update from the annual road meeting in which Leep, Sipple, Schipper and Smit attended. ACRC provided a quote for the railroad upgrade that the township would be responsible for after the grant approval. The Board decided to table a decision for the railroad until seeing if ARPA funds will be available to use. Smit will provide a spreadsheet of road expenditures for this fiscal year to date.

New Business: ARPA Funding Expenditures – Smit discussed with the Board the Final Rule has been issued from the Department of Treasury regarding the expenditures for

ARPA funding. It is much more relaxed in how municipalities can spend the money in regards to revenue loss from the pandemic.

Old Business: None

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

Budget report – Received for information.

Treasurer Report – Received for information.

Board Reports:

Supervisor – Glenn – None

Clerk – Rachelle – Smit updated the Board in regards to the Allegan Cares Coalition v. Smit case for a petition to get marijuana on the ballot. The Judge ruled against the lawsuit and signed off on January 4, 2022. ACC has until February 4th 2022 to file an appeal. Election Integrity Forum would like to hold a training day at the township in regards to launching a series of election poll challengers, watchers and election inspectors for the 2022 cycle. Smit gave an update on the redistricting for the County. FEMA grant audit documents are submitted.

Treasurer – Sue – None

Trustee - Jack – None

Trustee - John – None

Motion made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, to adjourn meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachelle Smit
Martin Township Clerk