

Martin Township Board Meeting

Minutes

February 9, 2022

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Leep, Tiemeyer, Sipple, Schipper, and Smit all present

Visitors: Jason Dykstra, Sarah Lynema for WAEMS, Gale Dugan, Dave Young, Dillion Thomas, Cemetery Mark

Approval of Minutes: Tiemeyer motioned, Schipper seconds, motion carried to approve minutes

Welcome guests

No public comment

Ambulance – Sarah Lynema

Stated call volume is down in December. Kathy is back. Considering changing base rate to three percent of total. In March, two ambulances delivered and 3rd is on order. Ambulances are \$175, 000 each.

Fire – Dillon Thomas

Discussion of lettering for station. Discussed fixing floors and getting a quote to redo entire fire bay floor. Plans to change to all smart thermostats. Engine 12 is nearly done and may be returned by end of February. Discussed working on approving ballot language for Fire Millage that will expire in the end of 2022. Mentioned that five passed class, 12 of the 18 members will be medically trained, 1 member is in fire academy and 1 member is on medical.

Library – Alice Kelsey

Stated that groups at library are growing. Book club is going well. Grants came in for great children's books, some are talking books and some are in Spanish. There is a winter bingo and winter book challenge going on at the library for patrons. State Aid report is in but there is no news on it. Statistics had just come in for the new budget year.

Cemetery – Mark

One full Martin burial. Someone is plowing up the drive for one man who visits his wife daily, a neighbor is plowing it for this man and Mark stated there will probably be lawn maintenance come spring due to the plowing. Discussed getting flags for the cemetery soon.

Memorial Park – closed up for winter.

Planning Commission

SUP per Knight contingent on getting permits in to PCI.

Roads –

Pretty good shape. Schipper motioned using AARPA funds for rail road crossing, Smit supported, put to vote, motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Plainwell EMS, Ryan Cronk gave information that was received.

Resolution 2022-03 PA116 Partial Termination to remove house and two acres, per Visser's request. Smit motioned, Schipper seconded, put to vote, all approve, motion carries to remove house and two acres from a PA116.

Resolution 2022-01 Property Income Guidelines. Tiemeyer motioned, Leep supported, put to vote and motion carries unanimously.

PTA Resolution 2022-02 Smit motioned, Tiemeyer supports, put to vote, motion passes unanimously.

Charter Township Eligibility – received for information

ORV discussion – received for information

Approval of Bills –

Shipper motioned, Tiemeyer approves, motion carries to approve bills

Budget –

Amendment for \$70 to be taken from computer tech outlay to pay for fire radio. Smit motioned, Schipper supports, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report –

Quiet month, no significant changes.

Gale Dugan gave an Allegan Board of Commissioners report. Dugan also officially introduced himself as County Commissioner candidate who would be representing Martin Township if elected with the new lines drawn.

Board Reports –

Leep - mentioned Barry County is about to do Master Planning.

Smit – stated one workman comp claim is going on. Mentioned there is no news on the lawsuit and that if it were to be appealed it was to be done by Feb 4 so hopefully that lawsuit is over now.

Tiemeyer – mentioned she would not be attending the March meeting. Also brought up that someone contacted her about having a 5K in town the Board decided more information is needed before approval.

Sipple – mentioned he had read that the Allegan Mental Health had indeed gotten their building.

Schipper – mentioned he had read that the Hamilton recycling center is closing. Suggested getting a quote on security cameras.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Leep, supported by Smit and motion carries for adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Denise Dykstra

Martin Township Deputy Clerk