

# Martin Township Board Meeting

## Minutes

May 11, 2022

**Meeting called to order** - 6:35 pm

**Roll Call** – Tiemeyer, Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit absent

**Welcome Guests** – Alice Kelsey, David Young, Mark Simpson, Kurt Knight

### **New Business**

**Ambulance** – nothing

**Fire** – Update by Chief Kurt Knight :

- MFR Program is up and running well. 17 Medical Responses in April. Community members are happy with the responses and have nothing but great things to say about it.
- Fire responses are way down as compared to years past.
- Firefighter Griffis has announced her resignation from the department. She is moving out of the area and will remain in good standing.
- Firefighter/MFR Position posted on social media. So far there are four interested parties asking for an application. One application has been turned in.
- Opening up Fire Officer Classes in preparation to promote a Lieutenant. So far two applications within the Firefighter Ranks.
- Plan to interview for both the above positions prior to June township meeting.
- Still have not received an approval or denial letter for our AFG Grant for Extrication Equipment or the AAA Traffic Safety Grant.
- Gathering Budget Planning Material, will be prepared to present on the May 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 workshop. - Firehouse Reporting Software Support and Integration is being discontinued looking at other options for reasonable NFIRS compliant report software, we will bring to the budget planning meeting.
- MDARD Continues to update and upgrade the CAFS Trailer and equipment in preparation for possible activation.
- Parking – several calls as of lately where the hall has been rented and there is no parking for our firefighters to park when responding. Is it possible to ask renters utilize the library lot or the water tower lot? We don't want to create a response delay by having our members use one of the alternative options. The idea was also brought up to possibly install some "no parking fire lane only" signs out by the dumpster and in a couple of the first spots near the flag pole/lift station.
- Upcoming PR events:
  - o May 14<sup>th</sup> Hero Day at Hidden Ridge Campground
  - o Memorial Day Parade
  - o June 11<sup>th</sup> the Pony Express ACSD Mounted Division Fund Raiser
  - o July 16<sup>th</sup> Martin Hometown Days
- Looking at the mini-split to be installed, the price increased by 760.68 to \$6995.03. Motion by Tiemeyer to approve price increase and to carry on with installation of mini-split. Motion seconded by Schipper. Motion carries.

**Library** – Alice Kelsey reported that : Nine regular toddlers attending Toddler Time, looking forward to the Friends of the Library Bake Sale at the Memorial Day parade, new staff computer has been installed, Gun Lake Women's Club has invited the library to come talk with them.

**Cemetery** – Mark Simpson reported that : one cremation this month, two more coming up. Mark may be stepping away from work while recovering with health issues but his son can help in his downtown.

**Memorial Park** – reports from community that it looked stunning with all the tulips. Cleaned walkway. Old and New East put flags at the cemetery with East Martin school. Bob will be taking care of the flags at south cemetery.

**Planning Commission** – upcoming meeting the first week of June.

**Roads** – noted it has started to get dusty, 122<sup>nd</sup> will be getting brine from 4<sup>th</sup> to Patterson.

**New Business** –

Waiting for a quote on security cameras.

**Approval of payment of bills** – approve payment of bills motion made and approved by Schipper, seconded by Tiemeyer. Motion passes.

**Budget** – Motion to approve payment of bills by Leep, Seconded by Tiemeyer, Supported by Leep. Motion carries.

**Treasures Report** – Received a larger check due to a higher census.

**Board Reports** –

Glenn Leep – suggested \$100 toward new safety buoy for Gun Lake, Kevin DeKook fixed light at park, Laurie is working

Sue Tiemeyer – cemetery training went great and she shared what she learned. Mentioned that many cemeteries are bringing back the idea of cemeteries as parks and wondered if AARPA funds could be used to add some improvements to our cemeteries. Noted that realtor Mike Miller is looking to purchase 300-400 acres north of village and wondered if that was available and Sue said she did not think that amount of land would be coming up for sale.

Jack Sipple – nothing to report

John Schipper – nothing to report

Schipper motioned to adjourn at 7:25pm , Sipple approved, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
Denise Dykstra