

Martin Board Meeting

Minutes

June 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of allegiance

Roll call: all present

Motion to call to order Budget / Truth and Taxation Hearing 2022/23 by Smit, Tiemeyer seconded, motion carried. Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit to approve the Martin Township Budget 2022-2023 Resolution 2022-10 as presented. Roll call vote: Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit, and Tiemeyer all Ayes. Motion to close by Smit, Supported by Schipper. Motion carries to close the Budget / Truth and Taxation Hearing 2022/23. Time : 6:40 pm

Welcome Guests

Department Reports

Ambulance - updates given by Sarah Lynema. New ambulances have arrived. Now they have three in front line, two back ups and one not in service. Mentioned they are thinking through how to navigate the high fuel costs.

Cemetery – new footings done. Foundation issues in the cemetery have been made aware and he is working on them. Mark will be out at some time in the next month for health reasons. Discussion among board to check ordinance on footing sizes and come up with one standard size. Motion made by Tiemeyer to hire Jessie and Mark Simpson to do needed maintenance in cemetery. Motion supported by Sipple and motion passed unanimously. Discussed Sexton is to care for garbage can and that they will help Mark Simpson with this job as he heals. Moved on to mowing complaints of cemetery and will be coming up with new Memorial Day requirements as to not have future mowing complaints.

Planning Commission – Gale Dugan gave updates of Allegan County Planning Commission and answered any questions anyone had. Discussed getting answers on the Broadband issues.

Fire

Fire calls are up by nine from last year at this time. Asked to hire two new firefighters.

Schipper made a motion and Smit supported the request to hire Cameron Reinke for the fire department. Motion carried unanimously.

Smit made motion to approve Emily Lucas and Schipper approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire noted that the new mini-split is working great.

Library

Thanked Board for approving the budget. Summer Reading Program will kick off June 18. There will be crafts to do at the library during the Hometown Days. The Friends of the Library made \$375 from the Bake Sale at the Memorial Day Parade.

Memorial Park

All is well at the Memorial Park. Mentioned the many compliments the park received at Memorial Day.

Planning Commission

John Schipper gave updates on the latest Planning Commission meeting.

Roads

10th and 122nd Railroad Crossing, Township was not informed when they were working on the crossing and it was discussed how that is a safety issue. Leep had called on Dust Control and they assured him Martin was on the list to have dust control applied soon.

New Business

Township Meeting Dates to be the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm

Motion made by Smit, Tiemeyer supported, motion carries

Motion to keep Township Attorney, Bloom Sluggett PC

Sipple Motioned, Tiemeyer supported, motion carries

Motion to keep Township Auditor, Vredeveld Haefner LLC

Tiemeyer motioned, Leep supported, motion carries

Motion to keep Township Assessor, Krista Simmons

Tiemeyer motioned, Smit supported, motion carries

Motion to keep Township Bank, United Bank

Tiemeyer motioned, Leep supported

Tiemeyer motioned to make a one percent interest, three percent penalty on delinquent taxes. Schipper supported. Motion carries.

Old Business

Payment of Bills

Schipper approved, Tiemeyer supported, motion carries

Smit motioned, Tiemeyer supported to amend budget as stated.

Treasures Report – no significant changes

Board Reports

Leep – receiving complaints about the cemetery lawn and dust control

Smit – nothing to report

Tiemeyer – asked if we would be receiving a bill concerning the Gun Lake buoy and Leep said he would request a bill. Also mentioned that the Car Wash is up for sale and needs to investigate how to collect delinquent taxes. Mentioned MTA was not helpful and so was now talking with the Township Lawyer.

Sipple – at south and new east cemeteries, the blocks could use dirt.

Schipper – nothing to report

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8pm by Tiemeyer, supported by Smit. Motion carries unanimously.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denise Dykstra", is written over the typed name.

Denise Dykstra

Deputy Clerk