

Martin Township Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

Meeting called to order a 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call : Tiemeyer, Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit

Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Schipper, to approve August 10, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

Welcome Guest:

Public Comment – none (Kurt Knight, Alice Kelsey present).

County Commissioner – none.

Department Reports –

Ambulance – none

Fire – Chief Knight presented updates. Martin Village gifted the Fire Department with light sticks to direct traffic. Mentioned calls have been down the last few weeks. Motion made to approve Cadet Logan Kent. Schipper motioned, Tiemeyer supported, motion carried.

Library – updates from board member Kelsey. Friends of the Library Book Sale coming up October 7 – 8. Alice mentioned that Gary Brinkhuis said if water is in road and back library room, that means a problem and now they know they have a problem. Village is looking into it. Also mentioned that they have not been able to hire a library aide and asked for help to spread the word on the open position.

Cemetery – Sexton Mark Simpson was not present. Discussed the process the Township is looking into to hire a new Sexton. Jack Sipple mentioned Susie Dekoekkoek has graciously agreed to mow in cemetery where Jack Sipple has been unable to recently due to his foot. Discussed tree work needed to have happen this winter. Made motion to get gravel from Nate Knight for East Cemetery this fall to help with drive. Smit motioned not to exceed two thousand dollars, Schipper supported, motion passed.

Memorial Park – Tiemeyer mentioned that she and her deputy have been working on getting the gardens ready for winter.

Planning commission – Discussed Planning Commission Ordinance that was sent for Township Board to look over. Board sent back ordinance for revisions.

Roads – Paving bids have been received. Motioned made by Smit, supported by Schipper, to approve paving bid from Superior Asphalt in the amount of 325,855 from 10th street to 4,300 feet west. Have received complaints about the dust on 7th Street. Leep will look into having county put dust control on that new gravel on 7th street. Also mentioned 8th street shoulders are cracking and need to be looked at and discussed.

New Business –

Resolution 2022-13 Early Pension Withdraw. Motion made by Leep, supported by Schipper, to pass resolution 2022-12 to withdraw pension age earlier. Roll Call: Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit and Tiemeyer, all ayes. Resolution passes unanimously.

Ordinance 122 – Motion made by Smit, supported, supported by Schipper, to add Ordinance 133 to Agenda. Amendment to the Martin Township Zoning Ordinance to amend the official Martin Township Zoning Map and Ordinance in relation to the Greg Schaafsma remodel at 1793 10th Street. Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Smit, to approve Ordinance 133. Roll Call of Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit and Tiemeyer, all ayes. Motion carries unanimously. John Schipper made a motion to refund Greg Schaafsma half of his \$500 bill returned to him due to the huge delay in his remodel due to this Ordinance needing to pass. Motion did not pass due to lack of support as the board was not sure this was something they legally could do.

Old Business –

Approve payment of bills – Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Schipper to approve payment of bills. Motion carries unanimously.

Budget approval – Motioned made by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer to amending budget as presented, motion carries unanimously.

Treasures report – CDARS matured and going back into road fund.

Board reports –

Leep – had updates on issues with medical care at the 131 Dragstrip. Gave updates of the PCI court case with Asquith.

Smit – informed board that the Township Audit is about 80 percent done. Noted she would put in the paper for snow removal as well as post sexton job. Let board know that next month will be full on preparation for the upcoming election.

Tiemeyer – none

Sipple – Wants to have someone mow the lawn at the cemetery better than it has been mowed and would like a plan to be more proactive in receiving future bids on lawncare.

Schipper – Wondered if splitting up the mowing contracts may help in some of the mowing issues they have been dealing with

Motion to adjourn 8 pm by Leep, supported by Schipper, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Dykstra

Martin Township Deputy Clerk