

# Martin Township Board Meeting Minutes

October 12, 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 September 14, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Smit, supported by Schipper, to add snowplow bids to the Agenda, motion carried unanimously.

## Welcome Guest:

Public Comment – none (Sarah Lynema, Dave Young, Mark Simpson).

County Commissioner – none.

## Department Reports –

Ambulance – Sarah Lynema presented an update of EMS business.

Fire – Chief Knight presented written updates. FF DeMann, FF Kershaw, and FF Collier have all passed Instructor 1 (PreReq for Company Officer Classes). Plan to send all three through Company officer classes as soon as some become available within our county. 29 calls in September, 10 fire related runs, 19 medical runs. New reporting software implementing is ongoing Capt. Thomas, Chief Knight are spear heading this. Members have been putting in a lot of hours on extra training opportunities that past several weekends with burns of controlled structures in both our TWP and neighboring TWP's. 10<sup>th</sup> Street closure expected to pose some challenges with response times. Upcoming PR events: several fire safety classes looking at six days of classes between MRC Preschool, EMC schools and MPS schools. Annual Halloween Open House in partnership with Clippers Café and Martin Historical Firefighters Association is on Halloween night, October 31 from 5-7pm at the Township Hall.

Library – none

Cemetery – Sexton Mark Simpson present. Mark gave health updates and mentioned he had done four footings this past month. Tiemeyer brought up a tree issue in the cemetery and decided to move lots over to protect tree. In Old East, Leep motioned to occupy 30 D, Schipper seconded and motion passed to have Sherry Nesser purchase lot 30 D. In South Martin cemetery, Ron MacVean has cleared brush to road and requested to clear the fence line as well. Board in agreement to this and thankful for his hard work. Discussion of paving the East Martin cemetery drive, board will seek bids to get the work done before Memorial Day 2023.

Memorial Park – cleaning it up for winter. Was asked if a pavilion could be put up at park and Sue will look into the agreement of the Memorial Park and see if allowed.

Roads – Email presented on the county’s recommendation of the cracked shoulders on 8<sup>th</sup> street. Requests on when 122<sup>nd</sup> will be paved, still no word but should be soon. Received a compliment on the brine that was put down on 7<sup>th</sup> street.

**New Business –**

**Resolution 2022-14** opposing the relocation of Allegan County offices. Discussion on the County’s decision to move the elected officers seats (Clerk and Register of Deeds, Treasurer and Drain Commission offices) from the Allegan County Courthouse to the Dumont complex location. Motion made by Smit, supported by Leep, to oppose the relocation of the county seats as mentioned above. Roll Call: Leep, Sipple, Schipper, Smit and Tiemeyer all ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

**Snowplow Bids** – Leep opened two bids for snow removal. The Board discussed bids received, motion made by Smit, supported by Schipper, to approve Property Revolution for the snow removal contract in the amount of \$140 per plow at the Township building and Library and \$50 per salting for both. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business –**

Approve payment of bills – Motion made by Leep, supported by Smit, to approve the payments of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget – received for information.

Treasures report – received for information.

**Board Reports –**

Leep – none

Smit – busy with the election, Smit is planning for a high voter turnout this mid-term. Accuracy test has been completed and went great. Two of the Planning Commission member’s terms will be up at the end of 2022 and the Board of Review members. Smit will post a notice and notify the members of their term endings.

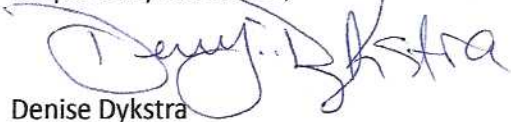
Tiemeyer – none

Sipple – none

Schipper – none

**Motion to adjourn** 7:45 pm by Schipper, supported by Leep, meeting adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Dykstra

Martin Township Deputy Clerk