

Martin Township Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2022

Meeting called to order a 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer to approve October 12, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

Welcome Guest:

Public Comment – Brian Talsma from Water Conservation Project gave us information to consider. Rob Sarro updated board on moving Allegan County Offices to Dumont Lake and argued points on why it was a move he was in favor of.

County Commissioner – Gale Dugan gave updates and also stated that he was, “Deeply moved and humbled by your support and with God’s help I look forward to serving for you.” Mentioned the approved tax levies are available online. Made note that at an upcoming meeting, they would be discussing the Lake Allegan Dam situation if Consumer’s Power were to move out.

Department Reports –

Ambulance – updates were given on the work of EMS

Fire – Gave updates on how well the Halloween Open House went. Letters for the building have arrived! Brought up a Resolution that Otsego has already put in effect so that Martin can opt out of the Pre Alert. They are a part of it due to the fact that, Martin does not go on Priority 3 calls but were being alerted for them and then doing paper work for the calls they were not even going out on. Rob Sarro gave his opinion on why this program is a great idea for them to keep. Schipper made motion to approve a resolution to come up with a better program for Martin Fire Department. Smit supported. Roll call: Leep, Yes. Sipple, Yes. Schipper, Yes. Smit, Yes. Tiemeyer, Yes. Motion to make resolution passes unanimously.

Library – Alice Kelsey gave updates of J.C. Wheeler Library. Crafty Time for Adults begins on the 15th from 1-3. Festival of Trees, a fundraiser of the Friends of the Library, has begun. On December 6th, Santa will be visiting the Toddlers at the library. Marlene Leep, representing the Friends of the Library, pleaded the case of the library sign and how it is falling apart, Leep said he would look into it.

Cemetery – Mark Simpson gave updates of library and mentioned two issues he was having with lots 218 and 219 as well as a lot spot along a curve he was having issue with and how they came to solving of said problems. Clerk Smit received two closed bids for Cemetery drive paving. Leep Motioned with support by Smit to approve using Wyoming Asphalt at \$33,405 to pave the hill drive at Old East with AARPA money. All ayes, motion carries.

Memorial Park – is currently sleeping.

Planning Commission – meeting in December.

Roads – No response on the 2023 roads project, deciding to wait until January.

New Business –

PA116 for Doug DeMann. Motion made to approve by Smit, supported by Tiemeyer, motion carries.

Old Business –

Approve payment of bills – Schipper motioned, Smit approved, payment of bills. Motion carries.

Budget – received for information.

Treasures report – received for information.

Board reports –

Leep – PCI has some problem spots that Leep has been working with them on.

Smit – Stated that we had a great election with high turnout. Also mentioned that Gun Plain gifted Martin a cemetery blanket. Made note that she would be resigning at the end of the year per winning the election for State Representative.

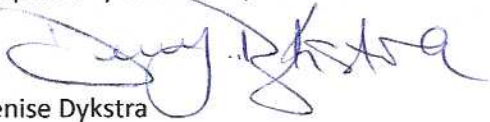
Tiemeyer – nothing

Sipple – nothing

Schipper – nothing

Motion to adjourn 8:10pm by Schipper, supported by Leep, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Dykstra

Martin Township Deputy Clerk