

Martin Township Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2022

Meeting called to order a 6:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion made by Tiemeyer, supported by Schipper to approve November 9, 2022 minutes with one change that Martin Fire does not go on Priority 3 calls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Smit to add Bids for Tires from Fire Department to Agenda. Tiemeyer supported. Motion carries.

Welcome Guest:

Public Comment – none

County Commissioner – Gale Dugan gave updates. He gave information on the sale of Martin's Car Wash to Dover Farms as well as some information the remodel plans of the courthouse.

Department Reports –

Ambulance – none

Fire – Dillon gave updates. All maintenance is up to date. Stated last month's resolution to leave the Allegan County Pre-Alert did help with calls because they are no longer getting called out and filing unnecessary paperwork for Priority 3's. Stated they are unhappy with snow plowing at Fire Barn, especially in front of fire doors. Sealed tire bids were opened. As there was one bid only from Peaceful Road Farms for 1,010.00, Schipper motioned to accept Tire Bid received and Tiemeyer supported. Tire Bid to Peaceful Road Farm was accepted.

Library – Alice Kelsey gave updates of J.C. Wheeler Library. Stated that the library is still looking to hire an Aide. Board Member Jill Yowler moved out of the Township and so they are looking for someone to fill her spot. Mentioned that they are looking into how if the State of Michigan changes the Minimum Wage Laws how that would affect the library. Noted that the Festival of Trees at the Library look great. Marlene Leep gave updates on her research of costs to fix the currently library sign. Due to a search by Clerk Smit, it was found the original library sign cost \$2,200 to originally install and that the Township paid for it. Quotes for new sign are \$3,464 plus installation for a secure sign with added lighting and \$876 plus installation for basic sign with no cover. Glenn mentioned he would talk to the contact person, Paul, that Marlene had found. Board mentioned that there would be no work done on the sign until the new budget year in July 2023.

Cemetery – Noted the current Sexton is done on December 31, 2022. Plans are to join with the Orangeville Sexton, there were good recommendations of their work. Discussed changes including Increase of burial fees from \$450 to \$600 and increase of foundation fees to cover the higher fees with the new Sexton. Also plans to make official changes to the minimum sizes of foundations for footing size. Schipper made a motion to make these changes to the Cemetery Ordinance, Tiemeyer supported. Roll call

of Leep, Yes, Sipple, Yes, Schipper, Yes, Smit, Yes, Tiemeyer, Yes. Motion carries to make changes to Cemetery charges.

Next, discusses Dozer work in New East to maintain the slope in cemetery. DeMann would move the fence for them to do this work, they feel it could be a half days' worth of work. Will be added to the next budget.

Memorial Park – down for the count. Looking

Planning Commission – Schipper attended Planning Commission meeting and they relooked at the Ordinance. Noted that there will be an open spot on the Planning Commission with Pete retiring and that it will need to be filled by the March meeting. Motion to approve Margaret Smith to Planning Commission made by Smit, approved by Schipper, motion carries.

Roads – Smit made motion to use AARPA funds to pay off the paving for 122nd Ave. Schipper supported. Motion carries. Road Commission meeting planned for January 3rd, 2023.

New Business –

Ordinance 134 amendment to Martin Township Zoning Ordinance. Motion made by Schipper, supported by Tiemeyer. Roll call – Sipple, Yes, Schipper, Yes, Smit, Yes, Tiemeyer, Yes, Leep, Yes. Motion to Ordinance amendment carries.

Resolution 2022-16 for adding appointed officials to 401 (a) plan. Smit motioned, Tiemeyer supported. Roll call of Tiemeyer, yes, Leep, yes, Sipple, yes, Schipper, yes and Smit, yes. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-16 carries unanimously.

Update Website - Clerk Smit gave information on how the website will have to be updated by March 2023 per new Board of Review requirements. Plans to talk with Sean at Pixelvine in January.

Old Business –

ARPA Funds – board received an ARPA spreadsheet to refer to moving forward.

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

Budget – discussed budget amendments and Smit motioned and Sipple approved budget amendments.

Treasures report – received for information.

Board reports –

Leep – nothing.

Smit – Submitted resignation letter

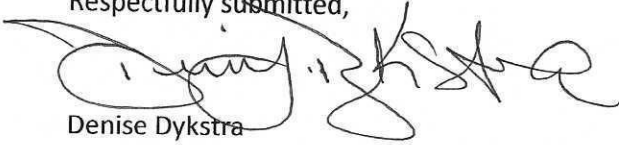
Tiemeyer – nothing

Sipple – nothing

Schipper – nothing

Motion to adjourn 7:55pm by Schipper, supported by Leep, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Dykstra", written over the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Denise Dykstra

Martin Township Deputy Clerk