

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Barb Hampel.

Pledge:

The Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag recited by all present.

Roll Call:

Present: Barb Hampel, Connie Grant, Lois Schmidt Bill Schoner, Cindy Lattimore

Guests: Ruth Chapman, Mike Munsell, Jack Rutter

Minutes:

Motion Lois/Cindy to accept minutes of the March 15, 2022 regular meeting and minutes of the April 6, 2022 special election committee meeting as presented.

Verbal vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comments: None

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$	20,699.75	
Revenues	\$	126,204.81	
Balance -General Fund	\$	278,543.91	March 31, 2022

Motion Cindy/Bill to accept treasurer report and place on file.

Verbal vote. Verbal vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Bills:

Resolution Cindy/Connie to pay bills check numbers 13443-13464 totaling \$14,259.94.

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution Cindy/Connie to proceed with a contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission for repaving 13 Mile Road from 95th Ave to 110th Ave. Tree removal, ditching and restoration of 75th Ave from 14 Mile to Taft Road will not be done at this time.

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Resolution Cindy/Lois to contract with the Morton Township Library in support of their E-Book service in the amount of \$1,000.00. The supervisor will coordinate with the township attorney and the library to have a contract written for both parties to sign.

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution Lois/Connie to renew the assessor contract with Precise Tax Assessment LLC and Ruth Chapman. Both have requested an increase in pay of 2.5%. Ruth Chapman's wages shall be \$8,500.00 annually and Precise Tax Assessment LLC will receive \$20,350.00 annually. The signed contract will be on file in the township office.

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

Residents of Pretty lake have filed a petition to form a special assessment district for Gypsy Moth control. This district would potentially be based on the current weed control special assessment district. Currently 44.6% of the total acres in the district have committed. Signatures of property owners are being verified by the supervisor and deputy assessor with the expectation that more signatures will be filed.

Motion Cindy/Connie to schedule a special meeting to discuss the special assessment and the area to be covered. The supervisor will make arrangements.

Verbal vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

Resolution Cindy/Lois to pay Ruth Chapman \$15.00 an hour plus expenses for time spent on The Pretty Lake request for a special assessment district for Gypsy Moth control as this falls outside her duties as deputy assessor. Pay will be retroactive to March 30, 2022.

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

Resolution Cindy/Bill to renew with Burnham and Flower for liability insurance for May 2022-May 2023 in the amount of \$4,219.00.

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

Resolution Cindy/Bill to participate in the Election Security Grant of \$1,500.00 offered by the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

Several calls were received from residents regarding trash in the road and around the old township hall building which is now a private residence. It was unsightly and unclear who was responsible. Trustee Bill Schoner cleaned up trash from the road and ditches as best he could and disposed of it at Canadian Lakes refuse. He has been reimbursed \$19.45 for the cost.

Motion Cindy/Bill to table approval of the March 31, 2022 budget reports pending contacting Lake Michigan CPAs regarding a budget overage in March.

Verbal vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

Other New Business

There are some projects to be done around the township office grounds. Cindy will contact community services and make arrangements to have the outhouse and storage building at the cemetery painted, have the playground area raked, equipment washed and have new mulch placed. The surveillance cameras will also be placed in the cemetery. Cindy will purchase supplies and submit expenses to the township.

Arrangements will be made with the Horsehead Lake Association to have the windows washed in July or August.

County Commissioner:

The County Commissioner was unable to attend the meeting.

Brief Public Comments:

Ruth Chapman requested that township make a resolution that before parcels are combined in a special assessment district the special assessment be paid in full as this makes record keeping more efficient and prevents assessments from being missed. This will be added to the SAD policy.

Resolution Cindy/Lois that change in lot lines occurring in a Special Assessment District requires that the Special Assessment District assessment payment be paid in full prior to the change (Split or combination of lots).

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

Mid Michigan Engineering has not forwarded any of the requested information regarding Lynwood Lane.
The DNR has no dock for Horsehead Lake.
Regarding wind turbines, it is generally considered that Mecosta County is not an optimal location for turbines.

Motion **Cindy/Bill** to adjourn.
Adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Submitted By,

Connie Grant, Clerk