

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 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, Cindy Lattimore

Absent, Bill Schoner

Guests: Ruth Chapman, Dale Dosenberry,

Motion Cindy/Connie, 6:31pm to recess the regular township meeting.

Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent, (Bill Schoner) Motion carried.

Motion Cindy/Connie 6:32pm to call to order public hearing #1 of the Pretty Lake Spongy (Gypsy) Moth Special Assessment District.

Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent, (Bill Schoner) Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Absent, Bill Schoner

Guests: Ruth Chapman, Dale Dosenberry, Blake Biller, Lee Clemence, Ron Elenbaas ,Bob & Charlotte Bongard

Purpose of meeting explanation:

The Supervisor explained that the purpose of the hearing is to allow the township board to hear objections to creating a special assessment district and the necessity for the improvement. Property owners in attendance may address the board with their comments by raising their hand to be recognized by the board, stating their name and property address, then stating their comments and concerns.

After the hearing the board will recess public hearing #1 and motion to resume the meeting at an agreed upon date and time.

Supervisor Barb Hampel presented the estimated costs, method of spreading the assessment to property owners and time period of the special assessment.

Public Comments:

Charlotte Bongard, 7456 Taft Rd. Their property was sprayed last year and again this year. They have only two trees on the property and wonder why this is being done now.

Blake Biller, 7780 Taft Rd. Has a 19 acre parcel that is only swamp, no trees or residence. Why would he want to pay.

Ron Elenbaas, 15871 Pretty lake Dr. Would be against including the Biller property in the district and would be in favor of spreading the assessment on a per parcel basis.

Charlotte Bongard inquired how the spray was paid for in previous years.

Lee Clemence, 16265 Pretty Lake Dr. In the past the Pretty Lake Association paid for spraying out of association dues.

There is no more money available now but with a special assessment the gypsy moths could be taken care. What is good for a portion of the lake is good for the community in general.

Charlotte Bongard wanted to know when residents were asked to sign petitions as she and her husband were never contacted to sign.

Motion Connie/Cindy 6:55pm to recess Public Hearing #1 until Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent, (Bill Schoner) Motion carried.

Motion Cindy/Lois 6:56pm to resume the regular township meeting.
Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent, (Bill Schoner) Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion Lois/Cindy to accept minutes of the June 21, 2022 regular meeting and July 1, 2022 Special Election Committee meeting as presented.

Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent, (Bill Schoner) Motion carried.

Brief Public Comments: None

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$	57,709.90	
Revenues	\$	7,869.91	
Balance -General Fund	\$	224,011.15	June 30, 2022

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

Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent, (Bill Schoner) Motion carried.

Bills:

Resolution **Cindy/Lois** to pay bills check numbers 13529-13545 including EFT totaling \$9,822.43 with the addition of invoices from MTA \$1602.26, Mecosta Co Road Comm. \$2500.00, C. Zimmerman \$2525.00, BS&A \$1682.00 and Board of Review wages \$120.00 + mileage.

Roll call vote 4 yes. 1 Absent (Bill Schoner). 0 No.

Resolution carried.

Unfinished business

Resolution Cindy\Lois to choose Aura Aerial Application LLC of Elsie Michigan, based on their proposal, as the company to provide aerial spray service for the control of Spongy (Gypsy) moths in the Pretty Lake Special assessment District.

Roll call vote. 4 yes. 1 absent (Bill Schoner) 0 no. Resolution carried.

Resolution Cindy/Connie to spread the special assessment at Pretty Lake for Spongy Control on a per parcel basis. Each parcel in the current special assessment district for weed control will be included in the Spongy Moth control special assessment.

Roll call vote. 4 yes. 1 absent (Bill Schoner). 0 no. Resolution carried.

Per an email received from Tim Nestle of the Mecosta County Road Commission payment of the Lynwood Lane engineering costs billed to the road commission by Martiny Township will be delayed.

New business

Resolution Cindy\Connie to purchase 8 yards of gravel from Chippewa Stone and Gravel for repair of the township's drive leading to Pretty Lake. Cost is \$206.85 delivered. Mr. Pung the resident north of the drive will spread the gravel.

Roll call vote. 4 yes. 1 absent (Bill Schoner). 0 no. Resolution carried.

Motion Cindy\Lois to accept the quarterly budget report for June 30, 2022 as presented and place on file.

Verbal vote. 4 yes. 1 absent (Bill Schoner). 0 no. Motion carried.

Other new business

Motion Lois\Barb to appoint Ruth Chapman as an election inspector for the August 2, 2022 primary.
Verbal vote of the election committee. 3 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

The July board of review was held today July 19, 2022. The board considered one poverty exemption. As of July 1, 2022 principal residence exemptions are handled by the assessor and are not acted upon by the board of review.

Preparations for the August 2, 2022 primary election are going smoothly absentee ballots are being processed and the clerk will be in the office all day Saturday, July 30 to register any new voters.

It has been suggested that we evaluate our pay scale for election inspectors and our meal allowance for election inspectors and board of review members. This can be considered when we prepare next year's budget.
It has also been suggested that we review our rental rates for the pavilion and the township hall. Again, this can be considered for next year's budget.

The Feeding America food truck will be distributing food on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at the Township pavilion.

County Commissioner

Not in attendance

Motion Cindy\Connie to adjourn. 8:29 pm
Verbal Vote. 4 yes. 1 absent (Bill Schoner). 0 no. Motion carried

Submitted By,
Connie Grant, Clerk