

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by supervisor Barb Hampel

Pledge:

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Bill Schoner

Guests: Dan Deitrich, Patt Keim, David Bevins, Brad White, Mike Munsell, Jeri Strong

Public Comments

Mike Munsell reported that the application for goose nest and egg destruction at Horsehead lake was accepted by the state. Nest and eggs destruction will take place between March 25 and May 9, 2024. This is two weeks earlier than the previous year. Last year this program seem to help with goose population on the lake.

Jeri Strong is glad to be back in attendance after being gone for a couple of months.

Minutes:

Motion Cindy/Connie to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2024.

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

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$	9,587.43	
Revenues	\$	1,894.01	
Balance -General Fund	\$	84,617.46	February 29, 2024

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 Lois/Cindy to pay bills check numbers 13976-14009 totaling \$15,880.86

Roll call vote. 4 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent, (Bill Schoner). Resolution carried.

Old business

Motion Cindy/Lois to table discussion of road repairs on 95th Ave. until we the next regular meeting. The supervisor will request more information from the county road commission.

Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 No. 1 is Absent. Motion carried.

The clerk contacted the cemetery Sexton regarding updating his contract. The current Sexton would like to have a contract for mowing, maintenance and sexton work combined. The current mowing contract does not expire until fall of 2024. The Clerk will make arrangements with the sexton to complete foundations ordered over the winter and to do a current cremains burial. He will be asked to continue being the sexton until the current mowing contract expires then be asked to submit a bid for mowing and sexton work.

New Business

Resolution Connie/Lois to accept the assessor contract with Bradley White, Precise Tax Assessment LLC and Seth Lattimore effective April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. The contract includes a salary increase of 3.2%. Roll call vote. 3 Yes. 1 Abstains. 1 Absent. Resolution carried.

Resolution Cindy/Connie to enter into the E-Book Collection Services Contract with the Morton Township Library at the cost of \$1000. The term of the contract is April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Roll call vote. 4 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. Resolution carried.

Resolution Cindy/Lois to enter in to the agreement with the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts for household hazardous waste collection in 2024 for the amount of \$600. Roll call vote. 4 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. Resolution carried.

Resolution Cindy/Lois to have the Township attorney, Mark Nettleton of Mika Myers, write a letter to Mrs. Henry regarding the Township’s position on the right of way and access issues for her property at 8901 Lakeview Blvd. Roll call vote. 4 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. Resolution carried.

Other New Business

The clerk reported that the election of February 27, 2024 went very smoothly with 397 voters participating. The election inspectors did a fantastic job. The clerk thanks them for their hard work and dedication.

The Board of Review held on March 11th and 12th considered 10 petitions and 1 poverty exemption request.

On May 7, 2024 the Big Rapids Public Schools will be holding an election for operating millage renewal. As Martiny Township only has 97 voters in the school district the Township will combine with Colfax Township for in person voting that day. All absentee voting will be handled by the Martiny Township clerk.

County Commissioner

There were 360 EMS runs in December 2023 bringing the 2023 total to more than 6,000 for the year. January 2024 saw 695 EMS runs and 600+ in February.

An old ambulance was sold to another county. Mecosta County has a new Emergency Management Director, Pat Maddox. A new cruiser has been ordered for the sheriff dept to replace one that was totaled. There are 4 students in EMS training. \$886,000 in marijuana money is available, no decisions on use of funds has been made.

Public Comments

None

Motion Connie/Cindy to adjourn 7:47 pm. Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 absent, (Bill Schoner). Motion carried.

Submitted by

Connie Grant, Clerk