

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 20, 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 was recited by all present.

Roll Call:

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

Guests: Mike Munsell, Jeri Strong, Greg Adams. Linda Randall

Public comments:

Mike Munsell of the Horsehead Lake Association shared that the annual meeting/picnic of the association was held at the Martiny Township pavilion on August 10th. Despite poor weather a good time was had by attendees. New officers were elected and a new Horsehead Lake /John Brown Lakes Association logo was introduced. The Association thanks the Chippewa Martiny Fire Department for attending and displaying their fire equipment.

Linda Randall, retired township clerk, thanked Jerrilynn Strong, County commissioner, for all the work she has done as county commissioner and for Martiny Township. She expressed what a pleasure it was to work with her over the years and wished her the best for the future.

Minutes:

Motion Cindy/Bill to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting as written and place on file.

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

Motion Barb/Lois to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2024 Election Commission Meeting as written in place on file.

Verbal vote. 3 yes. 0 no. Motion carries.

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$	35,114.34	
Revenues	\$	26,656.28	
Balance -General Fund	\$	181,174.31	July 31, 2024

Motion Cindy/Connie to accept the treasurers report of July 31, 2024 and place on file.

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

Budget amendment:

Resolution Connie/Cindy to amend the budget as follows: move \$10,000.00 from Contingency line item to the Professional Services line item.

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

Bills:

Resolution by Lois/Connie to withdraw all ARPA funds on deposit with Horizon Bank and deposit them into the township's general checking account for funding of the purchase of a new fire truck in compliance with ARPA requirements.

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

Resolution Connie/Lois to close the ARPA funds account at Horizon Bank.

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

Resolution Lois/Cindy to pay the township's portion of the balance due of \$115,405.55 on the new fire truck to the Chippewa/Martiny Fire Department.

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

Resolution Cindy/Bill to pay bills, check numbers 14108-14141 totaling \$27,264.90.

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

Old business

Motion Cindy/Bill to table discussion on purchasing an AED for the township hall and pavilion. An AED is not eligible for grant money from the insurance company and the board has questions regarding liability, maintenance, use and training.

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

In regards to the Jensen Lake lawsuit-The township's attorney notified the board that the Henry's attorney has filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel. Therefore, the pretrial hearing/scheduling conference currently set for August 23, 2024 is adjourned until after September 6, 2024. A hearing on the Henry's attorney's motion to withdraw will instead be held on August 23, 2024. The township attorney will represent the township at this hearing.

Motion Cindy/Connie to table discussion on the job description for hall and pavilion maintenance. This gives the board time to review the job description and discuss at a future meeting.

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

Regarding Lynwood Lane- According to the county road commission the bidding process is taking place and the project will be scheduled this fall.

New Business:

Motion Cindy/Connie to table discussion on removing the drinking fountain in the hall. Trustee Cindy Lattimore will seek information on costs.

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

Resolution Cindy/Lois that due to an accumulated balance of funds in the Horsehead and John Brown Lakes' Weed Control Special Assessment District fund a re-determination is made to reduce the 2024 assessment to \$0.00 (zero dollars).

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

Resolution Lois/Bill to collect the 2024 assessment of \$146.34 per parcel for the Pretty Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District.

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

Resolution Cindy/Bill to collect the 2024 assessment of \$46.00 per parcel for the Pretty Lake Moth Suppression Special Assessment District.

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

County Commissioner:

Jeri Strong reported that there were 490 ambulance runs in July and 4,475 this year so far. Maintenance will be done of the Barryton and Altona EMS stations. The commissioners are still reviewing grant requests for MET funds. The Sheriff department has a grant for purchase of equipment and applied for a grant for secondary road patrol and training. Jeri shared information on the new Mecosta County Food Access Network.

Public Comments:

The Chippewa/Martiny Fire Department will take delivery of the new fire truck Friday, August 23, 2024.

Motion Cindy/Bill to adjourn. 7:34 PM
Verbal vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carries.

Submitted by

Connie Grant, Clerk