

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 15, 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: Patti Keim, William Keim, Harold Nash, Brian David, Greg Adams, Mike Munsell, Dale Dosenberry, Nick Cummings, Brad White, Nicole Hunt.

Public comments:

Mr. Nash, Township resident who lives near the intersection of Taft Road and 75th Ave., expressed his concerns regarding the speed limit, truck traffic, lack of speed limit enforcement and truck noise in the area. He has been in contact with the sheriff department and the county road commission and would like to see some action taken regarding this issue.

Minutes:

Motion Cindy/Bill to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting and the September 30, 2024 Special Meeting as written and place on file.

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

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$	11, 526.42	
Revenues	\$	31, 631.67	
Balance -General Fund	\$	143,944.02	September 30, 2024

Motion Cindy/Bill to accept the treasurers report of September 30, 2024 and place on file.

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

Budget amendment

Resolution Connie/Cindy to amend the Township budget as follows : Move \$230. from Contingency Line item to Township Board Insurance line item.

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

Resolution Cindy/Connie to move \$5000 from the contingency line item to the professional services line item

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

Bills:

Resolution Cindy/Bill to pay bills check numbers 14172-14191 with the addition of the current invoice to Mika Meyers Attorneys for \$4,870.50 and Randy's Plumbing and Portables of \$150.00. Total bills to pay Are \$25,886.92.

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

Old Business

Nicole Hunt, representative from the Michigan DNR, spoke regarding an easement along the DNR Boat launch property at Jensen Lake. The easement would legally allow property owners and the general public access to the Township owned property that is the subject of current, ongoing litigation at that site. She explained why an easement would be necessary, outlined the steps the townships needs to take, and the likelihood of the Township

being granted an easement. Questions from property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Keim, Mr. Cummings, and Fire Chief Brian David were addressed.

Motion Cindy/bill to table the discussion on a survey and moving forward with the easement application for more information. The Supervisor will present more information at the next Township meeting.

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

Repairs to Lynnwood Lane are in process. Trustee, Bill Schoner, shared photos of the area and its current progress. As the project is not yet complete, the Township has not been billed.

Motion Connie/Bill to table the budget amendment for payment of Lynwood Lane repairs until the invoice has been received.

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

New business

Resolution Lois/Cindy to appropriate \$40 for cider and donuts for the MCTA meeting October 28, 2024 to be held at Martiny Township.

Roll call vote. 5 Yes. 0 No. Resolution carries.

Township cleanup trash days for 2025 will be Saturday, June 7 and Saturday, September 13, from 8 AM - 11 AM.

Motion Cindy/Lois to table discussion on gutters for the pavilion and townhall until the next meeting.

Verbal vote. 5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carries.

Trustees Cindy Lattimore and Bill Schoner well have the pavilion winterized.

Motion Cindy/Lois to accept the second quarter budget reports with amendments as presented and place on file.

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

The Clerk noted that the contract for lawn-mowing expires in November and a new Sexton contract needs to be awarded. The current Sexton would like to the opportunity to bid on both contracts and combine them into one. It is suggested that a request for bids be published in January or February 2025.

The general election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Voting will take place at the township hall from 7 am to 8 pm.

Resolution Connie/Cindy to appropriate \$20 for purchase of candy to have available in the polling place for voters.

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

Public Comments

There will be food distribution at the pavilion on November 14, 2024 beginning at 5 PM.

The AED for the Townhall has been received and needs to be installed. The supervisor will make arrangements.

Lakeside Motorsports has been contacted to remove the dock at the Horsehead Lake boat launch for the winter.

The supervisor asked resident, Mike Munsell, the status of the bike safety signs to be placed in the Township. They are on hold until the County Road commission can place the sign posts.

County commissioner

Commissioner Jerry Strong was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded a handwritten report to the board.

EMS did 564 runs last month. The improvements to EMS stations two and three are near completion.

Two AED have been ordered for each first responder group in the county. A new EMS vehicle has been ordered to replace an old vehicle beyond repair. Wages for part time EMTs will be reviewed.

A weather hazards class will be held November 12, 2024 at the county services building.

A contract for solid waste disposal has been entered into. Several counties are involved with Isabella County heading up the initiative.

To date \$425,471.00 of \$906,508.00 of MET funds have been paid out.
The sheriffs department is currently fully staffed. The department received 1,248 calls last month.
Jail capacity is 117 people with the daily average being 85 to 90 person.
The County budgeting process for the upcoming year has been started.

Motion Cindy/Bill to adjourn 8:13 PM
Verbal vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carries.

Submitted by

Connie Grant, Clerk