

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025
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, Dale Dosenberry

Guests: Jen Theodore, Greg Adams, Brad White

Public comments

Township resident, Jen Theodore presented her opinion on citing solar and wind, energy facilities within the Township. She shared the ordinance adopted by Green Charter and encouraged the Township to adopt a similar ordinance.

Minutes

Motion Dale/Cindy to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2024 as written and place on file. Verbal vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carries.

Treasurers Report

Expenditures	\$ 10,644.74	
Revenues	\$ 763.25	
Balance-General Fund	\$ 55,673.40	December 31, 2025

Motion Cindy/Connie to accept the treasurers report of December 31, 2024 and place on file. Verbal vote. 5 Yes. 0 No. Motion carries.

Budget Amendment

Resolution Connie/Cindy to transfer \$730.00 from the Township Board Office Supply line item to the Contingency line. Roll call vote. 5 Yes. 0 no. Resolution carries.

Township Bills

Resolution Cindy/Lois to pay bills check numbers 14262 through 14277 with the addition of the invoice from Mika Meyers of \$1842.50. Total of bills is \$15,905.66.

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

Old Business

The Easement Application for the Jensen Lake site has been confirmed received by the DNR and has been assigned a case number. A decision should be rendered by March 4, 2025.

Motion Cindy/Connie to table discussion of MCRC projects for 2025 until the February 2025 regular meeting.

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

Resolution Cindy/Lois to sign the contract with Brian Sutton for snow plow services for the 2024-2025 season.

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

No action was taken on snow plowing the drive at the township owned property on N Horsehead Lake Drive.

Resolution Cindy/Lois to renew the Quickbooks accounting program on February 12, 2025 to include access for 2 users at an annual cost of \$2,210.00.

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

Resolution Cindy/Lois to appropriate up to \$800.00 for repair or replacement of the toilet in the handicap stall of the women's restroom and contact Purdue Plumbing for an estimate.

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

Motion Cindy/Lois to accept the 3rd quarter budget reports including the amendment done at today's meeting and place on file.

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

Resolution Cindy/Lois to increase Township Trustees' annual salary by 2.5%, the federal cost of living increase. Annual salary for a trustee will be \$2,934.00 for the fiscal year 2025 to 2026.

Roll call vote. 4 Yes. 1 No. (Dale Dosenberry). Resolution carries.

Resolution Barb/Cindy to increase the Township Supervisor annual salary by 2.5%, the federal cost-of-living increase. Annual salary for the supervisor will be \$12,981 for the fiscal year 2025 to 2026.

Roll call vote. 4 Yes. 1 No. (Dale Dosenberry). Resolution carries.

Resolution Lois/Cindy to increase the Township Treasurer base salary by 2.5% the federal cost of living increase. The base salary will be \$15,373 with an additional \$6000 annually for summer tax collection. Total compensation is \$21,373 for the fiscal year 2025 to 2026.

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

Resolution Connie/Cindy to increase the clerks salary by 2.5%, the federal cost of living increase. Salary for the clerk will be \$21,373.00 for the fiscal year 2025 to 2026.

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

Motion Cindy/Lois to schedule the 2025 budget workshop for Monday, February 17, 2025 at 6 PM.

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

Resolution Connie/Lois to adopt a maximum asset level test for the Board of Review poverty/hardship property tax exemption applicants.

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

Resolution Cindy/Lois to allow taxpayers to make written petitions, either by letter or email, to the board of review.

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

Resolution Cindy/Connie to waive penalties for non-filing of Property Transfer Affidavits.

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

Motion Connie/Lois to allow The Horsehead Lake association to hold their monthly meetings at the township hall on the scheduled dates from April to November in exchange for fall cleaning and window washing at the hall.

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

Resolution Connie/Cindy to contract with Lake Michigan CPA's to conduct the bi-annual audit of the township financial position. The audit will take place in June 2025.

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

County Commissioner

Commissioner Greg Adams shared that there are many new members on the county commission who are striving to have the public involved. Residents are welcome to attend meetings, participate and ask questions.

Support for the Gotion battery plant has been officially rescinded. The Commission on Aging has increased meals on wheels deliveries to 5 days a week. The sheriff's department will get 2 new computers. The county court house will have new metal detectors and security protocol at both entrances to the building. Use of MET funds awarded is being reviewed.

Feel free to contact Greg with any issues.

Public Comments

The Mecosta Country Township Association quarterly Meeting is Monday January 27th at Mecosta Township Hall. It is the annual pot-luck.

Submitted by

Connie Grant, Clerk