

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021
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, Cindy Lattimore, Connie Grant, Lois Schmidt and Bill Schoner.

Absent: 0

Guests: Jeri Strong. Ruth Chapman, Mike Munsell, Terry & Karen Bakewell.

Minutes:

Motion **Connie/Cindy** to accept minutes of the **March 16, 2021** regular meeting, **the Special Election Committee Meeting of March 26, 2021 and the cemetery meeting of March, 31** as presented.

Verbal vote- 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comments:

None

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$ 10,676.74
Revenues	\$115,895.55
Balance	\$275,104.46
Void Check 13115	43.50
Adjusted Balance	\$275,147.96 March 31, 2021

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

Verbal vote- 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Bills:

Resolution **Cindy/Bill** to pay bills check numbers **13147 thru 13167** totaling **\$8941.50** as presented with the addition of the first payment for 2021-22 to the Chippewa/Martiny Fire Department in the amount of \$19,000.00.

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Bill has been in contact with Dave Dexter regarding hanging the new cemetery sign. Dave will make some pins to hang the sign between two trees. They are working to have it done by Memorial Day.
2. Consumers Energy has marked some trees in the cemetery for pruning but there are other trees that need trimming. Bill Schoner will contact some commercial tree trimming companies to get a quote.
3. The pavilion and hall are both rented on May 15 to two different parties. Bill will turn on the water in the pavilion.
4. The DNR has shared guidelines and plans for their dock design for Horse Head Lake. The next step if going forward would be getting a materials list and construction plan. Barb will reach out to the DNR to ask if they would donate materials, or have dock that could be refurbished. Mike Munsell also questioned if the lake bottom was suitable to set the dock on. It does not appear that a new dock could be installed for this season so plan "B" is to have Lakeside Motor Sports put the old dock back in after repairing damage from last summer. Lakeside will be contacted for cost of repair.
5. Resolution Cindy/Lois to allocate \$25.00 for purchase of 10 trash bags from either Sam's Disposal or Independent Disposal for trash removal at the town hall.
Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

There was no other unfinished business.

New Business:

1. Garth Sherman, Cutting Edge Lawn Service submitted a rate change request for mowing the cemetery and town hall with the renewal of his contract on May 1, 2021. Cemetery mowing would increase by \$50 and town hall mowing by \$25. There was some question as to the number mowings to be done during the year. A resolution by Cindy/Lois to have mowing (cemetery & hall) done 3 times a month in May, June, July & August and 3 times in both September and October. An additional 2 mowings may be done as necessary between May and August depending on weather and growing conditions. Connie will contact Garth to present this and clarify any issues or changes with burials.
2. Resolution Cindy/Connie to increase the deputy assessor wage to \$8300 per year (5%) beginning May 1, 2021. Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.
3. Resolution Cindy/Bill to amend the budget by moving \$400 from Contingency line item to Deputy Assessor line item. Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.
4. Motion Cindy/Bill to pay July and December Board of review members a Per Diem of \$30 a day plus mileage. Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.
5. Motion Cindy/Connie to table the discussion on increasing the hourly wage for the March board of review. Barb will research what other townships pay. and increasing the hourly pay rate for March Board of Review. Barb will research what other townships pay.
6. Resolution Cindy/Lois to renew the township insurance with Burnham & Flower Agency at a cost of \$3962.00. The cyber security rider was not added. Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.
7. Resolution Cindy/Connie to purchase a fire extinguisher for the pavilion at a cost of \$95. Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.
8. Motion Cindy/Bill to have the clerk write a letter to the Mecosta County Road commission to request removal of junk tires dumped in the ditch on 120th Ave. south of 14 Mile Road. Verbal vote- 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Other New Business:

1. Connie will look into having the Port-A-Johns placed at the public boat launch.
2. The Mecosta County Road Commission sent estimates for the road projects requests made in February. The 13 Mile Road project is to cost prohibitive to consider at this time. 60th Ave from 12-13 Mile road would be joint project with Sheridan Township, they would have to be contacted to see if they are interested in pursuing this. Repairs to 95th Ave at 15 Mile Road should be done and Barb will request a contract.
3. Motion Cindy/Bill to write a letter to the Road Commission regarding repairs to the ongoing drainage issue at Lynwood Lane. Verbal vote- 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

County Commissioner:

1. A new ambulance has been ordered and should arrive soon. An old ambulance has been offered for sale to Osceola County.
2. There is a great need for EMTs, a training school may be started locally.
3. Colfax dump wells were tested, one tested high for contaminates and will be monitored closely for 3 years as will the neighboring property's water well.

Brief Public Comments:

Cindy thanked Lois for putting new mulch in front of the town hall.
Bill reported that he repaired the back door of the pavilion.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

Motion **Bill/Cindy** to adjourn.

Verbal vote- 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:42pm

Submitted By,
Connie Grant, Clerk

