

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 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: Ruth Chapman. Jeri Strong, Judy Morris, Vickie Young, Bonnie Hape

Minutes:

Motion **Bill/Cindy** to accept minutes of the **April 20, 2021** regular meeting as presented..

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

Brief Public Comments: None

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures 28,033.85

Revenues 1,462.03

Balance 248,576.14 April 30, 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 **13170-13195** totaling **\$13,322.17 with the addition of** checks to Blantek, MI Assessors Association and Cutting Edge Lawn Service totaling \$745.75.

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Resolution Lois/Cindy to accept and sign the contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission for repairs at the intersection of 95th Ave and 15 Mile Road at a cost of \$14,585.68.
Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.
2. Resolution Cindy/Connie to accept and sign the contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission for repaving of 60th Ave from 12 to 13 Mile Road in conjunction with Sheridan Township with the stipulation that Sheridan Township also signs the contract for their half of the contract. Total contract cost is \$131,186.46 with Martiny Township's half being \$ 65,593.23. Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.
A public comment was made regarding a meeting with Senator Rick Outman about money available to the state for road work. Can this money be used for these projects?
3. Barb met with Cook's Tree trimming regarding the trees in the cemetery. Cook's suggests waiting until fall to do any work as it is better for the health of the trees. Their estimated cost is \$3400-\$3500.
A public comment was made suggesting checking with Fates Tree Service of Remus as they did a good job at a reasonable price.
4. Regarding the cemetery sign, Dave Dexter has the sign and is fabricating brackets to allow it to be attached to the trees. Still on target for placement by Memorial Day.
5. As suggested by our insurance company the well in the cemetery needs a sign stating the water is not for drinking. A temporary sign will be put up until a permanent sign can be placed.

6. As of May 14, 2021 Garth Sherman of Cutting Edge Lawn Service decided not to renew his contract with the township for grass mowing and as the cemetery sexton. Cindy contacted Mow, Trim and Blow of Big Rapids to mow the grass at the town hall plus mow and do spring clean up at the cemetery.
Resolution Bill/Connie to pay Mow, Trim & Blow the current rate of \$125.00 for mowing at the hall, \$400.00 for the cemetery plus \$250.00 for the spring cleanup at the cemetery and offer them the mowing contract for this season.
Roll call vote. 4 yes. 1 Abstained (Cindy). 0 no. Resolution carried.
7. As the township needs a new sexton and someone to pour headstone foundations a meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30pm to allow time to get names of contractors, prices, and services offered. Contracting with a new sexton will be discussed then.
8. The DNR is still working with us on the dock project at Horsehead Lake. Annette Contracting has been contacted regarding the cement slabs that support the dock and movement of the slabs due to power loading boats. The old dock is currently in place for this year.
9. Resolution Cindy/Lois to increase the wages paid to Board of Review members to \$15.00 an hour.
Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried
10. Connie reported that the road commission will not be removing the junk tires along 120th Ave. as we have to contact the property owner so they can remove them. The property is owned by a trust. Michele Steinger at the county will be contacted to file a junk complaint.
11. Resolution Cindy/Bill to place a port-a-john at Horsehead Lake boat launch from Randy's Plumbing and Portables. Barb requested a Handicap accessible unit if available and of similar price.
Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried.

New Business:

1. Resolution Cindy/Bill to accept Fiscal Year End 2021 Revenue and expense reports.
Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried
2. The roof of the township hall is due for a 5 year inspection. Barb will make arrangements.
3. The carpet in the township hall is due for replacement. Cindy suggested bring in samples and prices for discussion.
4. Resolution Cindy/Lois to have Lake Michigan CPAs conduct the township audit. The estimated expense would not exceed \$3400.00. Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried

County Commissioner:

1. Jeri strong reported that Williams Auditorium is being considered as a place to hold trials as there is a large backlog due to COVID restrictions.
2. The Sherriff is looking to hire officers from other areas with the incentive of a higher pay rate.
3. As discussed earlier by public comment there is federal funding available for local projects but the restrictions are numerous.

Brief Public Comments:

Comments were made during discussions and recorded then. No further public comments made.

Feeding America Food Truck will be at the pavilion on Thursday, May 27th at 4pm.

Trash day is June 12, 2021 at the Township Hall

Memorial Day flags for the cemetery are in the township office. Volunteers are needed to place flags.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, **June 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

Motion **Cindy/Connie** to adjourn.

Roll call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:34pm.

Submitted By,

Connie Grant, Clerk