

Martiny Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Cindy Lattimore, Trustee

**Pledge:**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag recited by all present.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Cindy Lattimore, Connie Grant, Lois Schmidt and Bill Schoner.

Absent: Barb Hampel

Guests: Several guests were in attendance, a list is in the minutes book.

**Minutes:**

Motion **Connie/Lois** to accept minutes of the **June 15, 2021** regular meeting as presented.

Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

**Brief Public Comments:**

Mary Munsell brought a photo of a flag flying in resident's yard that she finds very offensive as it contains a vulgar word. Was wondering if the township can do anything. It was determined that the township has no authority over this as it is a freedom of speech. Mary thought this would be the answer but wanted to bring it to the attention of the board. Jeri Strong took Mary's phone number and will make inquires at the county level regarding any options. Dale Dosenberry commented on a similar issue on Horsehead Lake regarding a boater playing loud vulgar music. It appears that the Lake association is aware of this and is working with the sheriff and marine patrol on the best way to handle the situation.

**Treasurer Report:**

Expenditures	\$11,813.34	
Revenues	\$ 6,265.96	
Balance	\$272,026.85	July 20, 2021

Motion **Bill/Connie** to accept the treasurer report and place on file. Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

**Bills:**

Resolution **Bill/Lois** to pay bills check numbers **13224-13240** totaling **\$8,148.90** as presented with the addition of \$1,575.00 to Calvin Zimmerman-lawn mowing and \$2,391.60 to RBC Contracting-cemetery sexton.

Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Calvin Zimmerman did not accept the proposal to pay \$250 for fall leaf clean up in the cemetery but would agree to an additional mowing in November to mulch leaves.

Resolution **Connie/Bill** to pay for an additional mowing in November for leaf cleanup.

Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

2. Cindy will have her husband hang the new cemetery rules sign on the existing stake in the cemetery.

3. Thank you's to Russ Wencil and Dave Dexter for their work in the cemetery are done. Dave Dexter is not billing the township for hanging the cemetery sign but it was suggested that a gift card to a local restaurant be given to him. Barb will be asked if this is something the township has the authority to do.

4. Donald Correll was present at the meeting and brought the burial permit for Kay Peacock. Her cremains were buried at the cemetery on June,5 2021 without the knowledge of the township. Mr. Correll apologized and offered to pay the required fee.

Resolution **Connie/Bill** to bill the \$150.00 fee for cremains burial to the Correll family and as the sexton did not do the burial use the funds for general maintenance of the cemetery.

Roll call vote. 3 yes. 1 no (Lois). 1 Absent. Motion carried.

5. Motion Connie/Bill to call a special meeting to discuss options for correcting the drainage issue with Lynwood Lane. A date will be set with road commission representatives and local residents.
6. Township fall trash day has been confirmed for Saturday, September 18, 2021.
7. Road repairs at 95th Ave. and 15 Mile Road were completed without incident. Only the asphalt paving is yet to be done.

**New Business:**

8. Resolution Bill/Connie to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as encouraged by the Michigan Township Association. Application must be done by July, 27, 2021.  
Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
9. Resolution Lois/Bill to accept any funds offered by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
10. Resolution Lois/Connie to purchase LP Gas for the 2021/2022 heating season from Fischer LP Gas for \$1.399/gallon with a lock in fee of \$69.95. The township will be on the auto fill program at no additional cost and no pre-buy is necessary.  
Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
11. Motion Connie/Bill to accept and place on file the quarterly budget reports for the quarter ended June 30, 2021.  
Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

**Other New Business:**

1. Motion Lois/Bill to table Michigan Township Association Principles of Governance form until all board members are present to discuss and sign.  
Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.
2. Resolution Lois/Connie to appropriate up to \$200.00 for new locks on the back door and bathroom doors in the pavilion.  
Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
3. Cindy presented carpet samples and a quote from The Carpet Gallery of Big Rapids for new carpeting for the township hall. Motion Connie/Lois to table discussions.  
Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
4. Resolution Connie/Bill to pay vouchers submitted by the board of review members from July 20, 2021.  
Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner:**

1. The county's new ambulance is in service. There were 493 runs done in June.
2. The first jury trial was conducted with jury selection done at Williams Auditorium. No major issues were noted.
3. Funds available through ARPA for the county are around 8.4 million.
4. The Sherriff department decided against leasing vehicles and has ordered to purchase 6 new units. 2 police interceptors, 2 pick ups and 2 Chevy Equinox (for detectives).
5. As reported earlier the Commission on Ageing will be holding a craft show this August in lieu of the yard sale. Any vendors are welcome, the date is still to be determined.
6. Classes for paramedic training are being offered and scholarships are available. 3 applications have been received.
7. Martiny/Sheridan township's portion of repaving on 60th Ave (from 12 to 13 Mile) road has been done. The portion in Wheatland/Morton township is not being done at this time.

**Brief Public Comments:**

Per Ruth Chapman the July Board of Review was held today. 2 Poverty petitions and 2 corrections were presented.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, **August 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

Motion **Bill/Connie** to adjourn.

Verbal vote 4 yes. 0 no. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted By,

Connie Grant, Clerk