

Martiny Township
Special Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2021
6:00 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.

Guests: Jenny Twitchell, Jack Rutter, Patrick McKay, Tim Nestle, John Currie

Brief Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business:

Opinions were presented regarding why water collects on Lynwood Lane, past corrective actions taken, why there is still an issue with draining water off the road, how to correct the problem going forward and who should fix the problem. The properties most affected by the problem are the Rutters the Mckays and the Twitchells. Mr. Rutter stated this was not a problem 21 years ago when he moved in but has been a problem for the past 10-12 years. The Twitchells run a sump pump that drains water from their property to the lake. Mr. McKay states he always has a puddle of water across the end of his driveway. All three parties feel the drain tube and catch basins placed in the road in by the road commission in 2018 were not installed correctly to drain off the water. The Road Commission stance is they did what they were paid to do and the water table varies based on rain, snow and lake levels which can affect the water drainage in this low area of the road. Their recommendation of raising the road per their engineered drawings is what should have been done. The estimated cost in 2018 was \$50,000 - \$70,000. This is cost prohibitive for the township. The option of a special assessment was discussed.

Moving forward, it was agreed by all parties that a second opinion from another engineer should be done. John Currie agreed that the road commission would pay half of a new engineering survey. The township will make inquiries regarding hiring an engineer. The idea of contacting the engineering department at Ferris State University was suggested.

Brief Public Comments:

Motion **Cindy/Bill** to adjourn.

Verbal vote 5 Yes. 0 no. Adjourned 7:03pm

Submitted By,

Connie Grant, Clerk