

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Trustee, Cindy Lattimore.

Pledge:

The Pledge 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: Ruth Chapman, Jeri Strong

Minutes:

Motion **Bill/Connie** to accept minutes of the **August 17, 2021** regular meeting as presented

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

Brief Public Comments: None

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$ 15,526.11	
Revenues	\$ 443.36	
Balance	\$270,974.56	August 31, 2021

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

Budget Amendment: Resolution Lois/Bill to move \$18,600 from the contingency line item and 18,000.00 from the town hall line item for a total of \$36,600, to the roadwork line item. Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 absent. Resolution carried.

Bills:

Resolution **Lois/Bill** to pay bills check numbers **13271-13295** totaling **\$95,827.79** as presented with the addition of a check to the Mecosta County Township Association for \$82.48 after verifying the amount with Barb per her conversation with Marcee Purcell.

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

Unfinished Business:

1. A certified letter has been sent to Joshua Reeves regarding Charles Reeves ashes. A previous certified letter was returned by the post office unclaimed over one year ago.
2. Per the Michigan State Police no parking survey of the HHL boat launch area will be done without further information. The Mt. Pleasant post can send extra patrols on dates with events if contacted.
3. Annette's Construction submitted a bid for a new dock at the HHL boat launch site. A DNR supervisor has been contacted about a refurbished pier. Per the person Barb spoke with refurbishing a skid pier is a lengthy process. As we are nearing the end of the boating season no decisions were made regarding the dock.
4. The carpeting for the hall has been ordered and should be installed in October.
5. The township's request for ARPA funds was approved and funds can be expected around the first of October 2021.
6. A meeting with Mid-Michigan Engineering regarding Lynwood Lane was scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at the Lynwood site. An update will follow at the next township meeting.

New Business:

1. Resolution Bill/Lois to add the terrorism coverage to the township insurance thru Burnham & Flower Agency as has been done in the past at a cost of \$42.00 for the year. Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Resolution carried.
2. A request has been made for a Special Assessment District at Pretty Lake for gypsy moth control. Mark Nettelton sent the township a petition form and letter regarding the process. Petitions would need to be presented by Pretty Lake property owners. The SAD would not be done until 2022 so here is time to work through the process.
3. The frequent loss of power along 13 Mile Road between 90th Ave. and 110th Ave. has been of concern to residents living along that corridor. The Clerk will write a letter of concern to Consumers Energy regarding this ongoing issue.
4. The generator at the town hall failed during the last power outage. The repair technician got it running but could not pinpoint the problem and thought it may be a fuel line issue. He also noted that rain and snow accumulation is not good for the electronic components of the generator and suggested an awning over it to protect it from rain/snow/ice coming off the roof. Barb suggested an awning over the back exit of the hall covering the generator and the north exit to keep snow and ice from accumulating on the walkway.
Motion Lois/Bill to get bids for awnings at each door. Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
5. Regarding Lawful Contributions, Barb would like to be proactive and ask Morton Township Library to put their request for a contribution in the form of a contract. The board feels this is unnecessary as the library already responds to requests for contributions with data on the number of township residents served, fees and fines charged and received, and use of contributions.
6. Group pension investment accounts through John Hancock mature in November 2021. Lois, Cindy and Bill were given forms to sign and return with any changes
7. Resolution Bill/Connie to allow the Mecosta County Conservation District to use the township hall free of charge for a meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 from 12:30-3:00 pm.
Roll call vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Resolution carried.
8. A response has been sent to True North Law regarding their FOIA request with a bill for \$250.00 and a request for 1/2 payment, \$125.00 to begin collecting the data requested.

County Commissioner:

The county has contracted with an outside company to assist in accounting for reporting on and use of ARPA funds they received.

The county has extended the state of emergency due to Covid until December 31, 2021.

Jeri will forward ARPA fund guidelines the county has received as it may be informative to the township.

Current road work reports were distributed.

Brief Public Comments:

The Feeding America food distribution will be held at the township pavilion on Thursday, September 23rd at 4pm.

Benny Blanzly will do an update of the township computers. We will schedule after the new carpet is installed.

Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held at the Mecosta County Fair Grounds on October 9th from 9am -12pm.

There were a good amount of people for trash day and collection went well. There were 2 roll-off dumpsters, 2 compactors and 1 van for mattresses. Traffic control was fairly smooth.

Bill inquired as to the 2020 township census numbers. We can look up on-line.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

Motion **Bill/Connie** to adjourn.

Verbal vote. 4 yes. 0 no. 1 Absent. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Submitted By,

Connie Grant, Clerk