

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by supervisor Barb Hampel

Pledge:

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

Roll Call:

Present: Barb Hampel, Connie Grant, Lois Schmidt, Cindy Lattimore, Bill Schoner

Guests: Ruth Chapman, Jeri Strong, Mike Munsell, Brad White

Public Comments

Mike Munsell, head of the Horsehead Lake Property Owners Association shared a petition and request to permit the reduction of the goose population on Horsehead Lake. In the past the DNR has issued permits in limited areas for destruction of nests and eggs to control goose population. As the Canada Goose population in the state is very high the DNR is allowing any lake associations, residents, subdivisions, etc. to petition for a permit or request their local government authority (i.e. Martiny Township) to make a resolution to seek a permit to destroy Canada Goose nests. For the Horsehead Lake association to apply for their own permit 70% of lakefront property owners would have to sign a petition. As many of the property owners are summer residents Mike feels it would be difficult to contact everyone before the petition deadline of March 31, 2023. He is asking that the township, by resolution, seek a permit. A survey of lake residents will be done by Mike and the association to get input on this. Results will be presented at the March 21st township meeting.

Brad White introduced himself as the individual who would be Seth Lattimore's assistant with digitizing assessing record cards, sketching properties into BS&A software, visiting properties, taking pictures etc. to update the township's property records. He is a Michigan Certified Assessing Officer and is currently working for Morton Township and Lincoln Township in Clare County. He is from Big Rapids and currently lives in Canadian Lakes.

Minutes:

Motion Cindy/Bill to accept minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023 and the Budget Workshop Meeting of February 14, 2023 as presented.

Verbal Vote 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$	10,243.84	
Revenues	\$	33,025.93	
Balance -General Fund	\$	215,927.94	January 31, 2023

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

Verbal vote 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments:

Resolution **Cindy/Lois** to make the following amendments to the 2022-2023 budget: Move \$330.00 from contingency to Deputy Assessor line item and move \$862.00 from contingency to Roadwork line item.

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

Bills

Resolution **Cindy/Lois** to pay bills check numbers 13704-13721 totaling 19,231.43.

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

Unfinished business

Bids will be requested for the following road projects for 2023:

Gravel on the west side of 60th Ave from 13 Mile Road to Taft Road. This is a joint project with Sheridan Township (east side of 60th Ave).

Gravel on 75th Ave from 14 Mile Road to Taft Road.

Water redirection on Lynwood Lane.

Resolution **Lois/Connie** to accept the assessors request to digitize township assessment record cards, purchase the software necessary to complete the project and have Brad White assist. The cost is expected to be \$4,130.00 and will be incurred in the 2023-2024 budget year.

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

Resolution **Cindy/Connie** to hire Brad White as a private contractor to assist with digitizing assessment record cards.

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

New business

Resolution **Cindy/Lois** to accept Board of Review resolutions #1 and #3 as written. Resolution #2 is accepted with changes as discussed.

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

Resolution **Connie/Lois** to appropriate \$50 for Board of Review refreshments and misc. expenses.

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

Resolution **Connie/Lois** to appropriate \$600.00 for the Mecosta Conservation District Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program for 2023. Funds and the signed agreement will be forwarded to the Conservation District after April 1, 2023

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

Resolution **Lois/Cindy** to replace the Amish Buggy road sign on 90th Ave & 17 Mile Road at a cost of \$100.02.

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

County Commissioner

Jeri Strong reported that Angles of Action petitioned the county for ARPA funds. The sheriff's office is remodeling to add a women's changing room and has two additional patrol vehicles. The building and zoning department has hired a new director and building official but is on need of an office worker. EMS is updating their space to allow for a reception area and office area. Four new paramedics have been hired. EMS will be partnering with West Shore College offering paramedic classes. Money from ARPA is available to local fire departments for safety equipment. Fire department officials must put in their requests.

Motion **Cindy/Bill** to adjourn. 8:23 pm.

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

Submitted By,
Connie Grant, Clerk