

Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 15, 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, Margaret Black, Mike Munsell, Terry Bakewell, Raymond Booth, Patrick McKay

Public Comments

Mike Munsell expressed his thanks of behalf of the Horsehead Lake Association for use of the pavilion Saturday. Turn out for their annual meeting was excellent, they appreciated the CMFD having a truck present for members and kids to view. He hopes to hold the meeting at the pavilion again next year.

Margaret Black inquired as to whether she could clean some of the headstones that are covered with moss and dirt. She cleaned some of her family's stones and was pleased with the results. She is seeking permission from the township and left her phone number.

Minutes:

Motion Cindy\Bill to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2023 and the Special Election Committee meeting of July 14, 2023 as written and place on file.

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

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$	19,855.55	
Revenues	\$	36,218.06	
Balance -General Fund	\$	219,668.94	July 31, 2023

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

Verbal vote 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

The Township has 2 CD's at Huntington Bank that come due at the end of August. The treasurer will find out what the new interest rates are.

Bills

Resolution **Cindy/Bill** to pay bills check numbers 13836-13859 with the addition of checks to Blantek for \$197.00, A-1 Service Co. for \$6,982.00 and Mika Myers for 463.00 totaling \$47,033.28.

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

Old business

Supervisor Barb Hampel and Trustee Bill Schoner attended the MCRC monthly meeting to discuss the issues at Lynwood Lane. The Road Commission presented a proposal and estimate for the township to consider and said they would pay half of the \$64,600.00 estimated cost.

Resolution Cindy/Lois to pay half the cost with stipulation that the township get detailed information on exactly what will be done and a guarantee that the Road Commission will make any further corrections should the repairs not work as intended.

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

New business

Resolution Lois/Connie to pay \$10.00 to the Mecosta County Assessors Association to sign up for a class being held on communication and relationships with taxpayers.

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

Resolution Lois/Cindy to appropriate up to \$1,850.00 for bike path signs and logos on 14 Mile Rd. from 105th Ave to 120th Ave.

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

Resolution Connie/Cindy to re-determine the Horsehead Lake and John Brown Lake special assessment for weed control by reducing the assessment to \$0.00 for Winter 2023. The assessment will be re-determined for 2024.

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

Resolution Cindy/Connie to re-determine the Pretty Lake special assessment for weed control by reducing the assessment to \$0.00 for Winter 2023. The assessment will be re-determined for 2024.

The special assessment for moth control will remain the same at this time but be re-evaluated next month.

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

County Commissioner

Jeri Strong was in attendance but had no new information to share.

Public Comments

The election held on August 8, 2023 went well with 36 persons voting in person and 163 absentee voters returning ballots. The clerk would like to thank the election inspectors for their time and the wonderful job they do.

For the upcoming primary election the township will need to place a sign on the drop box outside the hall designating it as an absent voter ballot drop box.

It has been brought to our attention that updates to Lois & Connie's computers and software will be necessary in the near future

Feeding America Food Truck will be at the township hall on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Motion Bill/Cindy to 7:40 pm.

Verbal vote 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Connie Grant, Clerk