

Martiny Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 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

**Public Comments**

Mike Munsell speaking as a concerned citizen of Martiny Township encouraged the board to oppose legislation that takes local control of wind and solar development away from townships and counties. As this topic is already on the agenda it will be discussed later in the meeting.

Speaking as a member of the Horsehead Lake Association Mike shared that the association would like to apply for a grant to help with invasive species in the lake specifically having a boat wash station at the public launch. As there is not enough time to apply for the grant this year they are exploring options for the future. Mike requested that the township consider supporting this.

**Minutes:**

Motion Cindy/Lois to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2023 as written and place on file.  
Verbal vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:**

Expenditures	\$	18,506.95	
Revenues	\$	28,333.88	
Balance -General Fund	\$	182,840.62	September 30, 2023

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

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

**Budget Amendment**

Resolution Connie/Cindy to move \$300.00 from Contingency line item to Insurance line item.

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

**Bills**

Resolution Cindy/Lois to pay bills check numbers 13884-13900 including EFT to the State of Michigan with the addition of the invoice from Summit Fire Protection pending verification of services performed in the amount of \$18,394.46.

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

**Old business**

Resolution Cindy/Connie to have 3 computers upgraded, Treasurer, Clerk and Assessor, as quoted by Blantek and contact Benny Blanzly to schedule times.

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

No action was taken on a cover for the AC unit.

The supervisor spoke with Tim Nestle from the road commission. The repairs to Lynwood Lane have been approved, \$64,600.00 has been appropriated and a contract will be done in the spring of 2024.

### **New business**

The audited financial reports for the two year period ended March 31, 2023 were presented to the board.

Resolution Cindy/Lois to appropriate up to \$200.00 for absentee ballot drop box signs that are required to be posted on our drop box beginning with the 2024 election cycle.

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

Motion Cindy\Bill to except the letter of retirement from the deputy assessor, Ruth Chapman, effective October 31, 2023. Ruth has been an assessor for over 55 years and has been involved with Martiny Township for 20+ years. The board wishes her all the best in her retirement and thanks her for her years of service, for sharing her vast knowledge and her commitment to our township.

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

Resolution Cindy/Lois to accept the second quarter budget report of September 30, 2023 as presented and placed on file.

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

Resolution Lois/Cindy to change the township's website domain from a .org to a .gov domain. The supervisor will contact Schumaker Technology Group, the township's website provider to initiate the change. The new website name will be MartinyTownshipMI.gov.

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

Motion Cindy/bill to table discussion of a local zoning control resolution for solar and wind energy development. Martiny Township currently follows the Mecosta County zoning regulations and fully endorses the county's resolution to Oppose any preemption of local control over wind and solar development. The supervisor will explore wording and resolutions from other townships for comparative purposes.

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

Resolution Cindy/Connie to contract with Independent Waste and schedule trash day services for 2024. Trash day will be scheduled for Saturday, June 8 and Saturday, September 14, 2024. Times will be 8 AM to 11 AM.

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

Trustees Bill Schoner and Cindy Lattimore will make arrangements to close and winterize the pavilion for the season.

A workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 1 from 2 - 4 PM to begin an update to the Township cemetery ordinance.

### **County Commissioner**

Jeri Strong reported that the ambulance that was being redone is now back in service and a new ambulance has been ordered. They were 533 EMS runs in September. There is still a need for EMS workers and a training class available. All ARPA funds have been distributed. Any Junk ordinance issues can be directed to county building and zoning.

**Public Comments**

The MCTA quarterly meeting will be held on October 23, 7 PM at Fork Township.

Feeding America will have food distribution on November 16, 2023 at the pavilion beginning at 5 PM.

Motion Cindy/Bill to adjourn 8:10 pm.

Verbal vote 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Connie Grant, Clerk