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Martiny Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 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: Veronica Bue, Paul Dazey, Brad White, Mike Munsell

Public Comments

Paul Dazey, on behalf of residents of Pretty Lake explained the problem they have with geese and their droppings along the lake shore. He has a petition and signatures from residents interested in applying for a permit for goose egg & nest destruction next spring (2024). As Horsehead Lake residents did this in 2023 he is asking for the township's support. The township will provide property owner addresses so an application can be made to the DNR.

Minutes:

Motion Cindy/Connie to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2023 and the Special Meeting of November 1, 2023 as written and place on file.

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

Treasurer Report:

Expenditures	\$	97,881.21	
Revenues	\$	2,759.15	
Balance -General Fund	\$	87,718.56	October 31, 2023

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

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

Budget Amendments

Resolution Connie/Lois to transfer 3,683.35 From the Deputy Assessor line item to the Assessor Wage line item .

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

Resolution Cindy/Lois to transfer \$3800.00 from the Contingency line item to the Township Board Office Supplies line item.

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

Bills

Resolution Cindy/Lois to pay bills check numbers 13901-13915 with the addition of the bill from BlanTech for \$3,793.50 totaling \$33,833.82. Check number 13902 written to the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Department has not yet been received by the fire department and is presumed lost in the mail. Check No. 13902 will be voided and a new check will be written. The clerk has contacted the bank regarding this and if check does not "show up" stop payment action may be taken. Roll call vote. 5 Yes. 0 No.

Resolution carried.

Old business

The new computers for the assessor and clerk have been installed . Benny Blanzly still needs to set up some printer capabilities and the clerk will contact Quick Books to up grade the accounting software.

The December newsletter has been printed and will be mailed with the tax bills.

The website domain change will not happen until sometime in January as the processing organization has put requests for changes on hold.

The early voting agreement with the county has been signed. Early voting will take place from February 17, 2024 thru February 25, 2024 at the Big Rapids Township Hall. Martiny Township will staff the early voting site on Saturday, February 24, 2024

The state legislature passed the law that removes local zoning control for utility scale solar and wind energy facilities.

The Chippewa/Martiny Fire department Halloween open house was very successful.

The pavilion has been winterized. Bill Schoner thanks Dean Lattimore for his help.

New Business

Resolution Cindy/Connie to accept the quote from Servicemaster Clean of Stanwood, Mi to clean the carpet in the township hall. Quoted price is \$411.68.

Roll Call vote. 5 yes. 0 no. Resolution carried

Motion by Cindy/Bill to allow the Chippewa Lake community Church in conjunction with Feeding America to use the township pavilion for food distribution on the scheduled Thursdays from May through November 2024.

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

Motion by Connie/Bill allow the Horsehead Lake Association to hold their monthly meetings in the township hall on the scheduled Saturdays from March through October.

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

Resolution by Lois/bill to contract with Brian Sutton of Barryton Excavating for snow plow services for the 2023-2024 winter season.

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

County Commissioner

The county commissioner was not in attendance.

Motion Cindy/Bill to adjourn 7:38 pm.

Verbal vote 5 yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Connie Grant, Clerk