

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association  
Spring Meeting  
May 25, 2024**

**The spring meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at the Allegan Township Hall.**

**Call to Order:** President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 48 in attendance.

**Fall Minutes:** Copies of the minutes of the fall meeting on September 2, 2023, were available for review. Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Martin to accept and approve the 2023 fall meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tom Slocum presented the following report:

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| Balance, 9-2-23                    | \$13,089.13   |
| Deposits                           | <u>330.00</u> |
| Total Available                    | \$13,419.13   |
| Expenses                           |               |
| Post cards                         | <u>-80.05</u> |
| Balance, all funds, 5-25-24        | \$13,339.08   |
| <br>Pending expenses               |               |
| Postage                            | 132.50        |
| Water Quality Training             |               |
| Bob Flach                          | 225.00        |
| Frank Shelansky                    | <u>345.00</u> |
| Total Pending Expenses             | \$702.50      |
| <br>Balance after pending expenses | \$12,636.58   |

President Martin reported that there is approximately \$147,000 in the Miner Lake Improvement Fund.

**Allegan Township 2024 Master Plan Community Survey:** Tom Slocum reminded those present to scan the QR code on the information sheet

provided and take the survey which will provide input to the township on past, current and future conditions of the township. They also want to hear about the needs, desires and goals that residents feel are most important to the future development and direction of the local community.

**Agenda:** The following topics were presented and discussed:

**Lake Monitoring, Water Quality and Invasive Plant Treatment:**

President Martin reviewed information from Progressive AE regarding monitoring and collection. He also reviewed 2023 and 2024 sampling by Progressive. He showed a map of treatment, stating that it started in 2019. Treatment has been very successful and continues. There will be treatment in early June and information will be available. The treatment will target Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort with the addition of some treatment for Curly Leaf Pond Weed this year. Further information will be posted on the website.

The association has had some great volunteers helping with the water quality of Miner Lake. Bob Flach and Frank Shelansky both reported on what they have been doing and their recent training at the conference in Traverse City. Frank's report also included information on boating safety, growth in swan population, and pending state legislation regarding septic tanks. Many thanks for these dedicated volunteers.

**July 4 Events:** Sam stated that the pontoon parade and fireworks will take place this year on Friday, July 5. The pontoon parade will begin at 11 a.m. and the fireworks will be similar to last year with the same people providing the event. More info on the website and how donations can be made.

**Sewer Update:** President Martin reviewed the history of the current proposed sewer project beginning with 2021 when a survey was taken, township support in 2022 and updated sewer feasibility study from the engineers followed by possible options and pursuing funding options. There was a delay with the township and Allegan sewer agreement which was resolved in March 2024. However, due to various circumstances, the township no longer qualifies for USDA funding, and cost of supplies for the project have significantly increased. Therefore, it is necessary to pursue other steps to decrease costs and revisit sewer designs and explore additional funding options. President Martin presented additional ideas and stated that a letter from the Health Department would be on the website with information regarding septic systems. A lengthy discussion followed about monthly charges and cost to remove waste.

Motion was made by Tom Slocum and seconded by Dee Mitchell to take a straw vote on interest to pursue further options on the sewer project. Motion carried. The majority voted yes.

Sam will update the sewer website with pertinent information. It was also suggested that minutes of the meetings be included on the website.

Reminder that the next township meeting will be June 3, and residents are welcome to attend and share their input.

**Adjournment:** On motion by Slocum and second by Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Merrill, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer