

Austin Township Board Meeting

Tuesday August 11th, 2020

The Austin Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth Vredenburg at the Township Hall at 14132 Pierce Rd, Stanwood, MI 49346 and virtually, using ZOOM.

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg, Billie Jean Barnes, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway, and Sandra Mayo. One Guest present: Tom O'neil.

I. 7:30 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

II. Public Comment

- Tom O'Neil: The Ford Drain work starts on August 19th. The county is getting a lot of calls regarding the Gypsi Moths and they are being referred to Michigan State as the county doesn't have a program.

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve the July 14th board meeting minutes as presented, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- The Clerk and Treasurer's General Fund account balance.
- Revenue Sharing was a little short but pretty even with previous years.
- Clerk and Treasurer Cemetery account balance
- There were three lot sales and we received the Mecosta Townships portion of the Cemetery agreement.
- Sandra Mayo moved to accept the reports, Supported by Billie Jean Barnes.
- Reports accepted subject to audit. Motion Carried

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Township Checks #9857 through # 9892 and Cemetery Check # 1660
- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township and Cemetery payments, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Austin Township is shutting down all hall rentals until further notice.
- There was an increase for the gravel bid. We are waiting for an updated contract.
- The census deadline is August 31st people will be going door to door.
- MTA new Assessing reform was discussed.

B. Treasurer's Report

- Carolyn signed up for BS&A Tax Records online, our site is set up to upload to their site everyday at 5:30 p.m.
- 30.5% of taxpayers have paid 19% of taxes.
- Carolyn did a free Quickbooks workshop.

- Amended winter tax bill with signature line.
- C. Clerks Report
- The August election went well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

Billie Jean Barnes