

## Austin Township Board Meeting

Tuesday January 12th, 2021

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(virtually), John Brockway and Sandra Mayo . Two guests present: Amber Schneider and Ashleigh Martin

I. 7:41 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

II. Public Comment

- No public comment.

III. Approval of minutes

- Sandra Mayo moved to approve the December 8th board meeting minutes as presented, Supported by John Brockway. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund reports match.
- Received Swampland Tax
- The IRS issued a refund check and now are saying they need that money back. Check was issued and will be placed in mail.
- Cemetery reports match.
- There was a cemetery lot sale.
- Hall account had no activity.
- There were deposits made for the property tax. Carolyn wrote checks to cover.
- Reports accepted subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Township Checks #9992 through 10006. No cemetery checks were written this month.
- John Brockway moved to approve Township payments, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Working on year end things.
- Hardship applications & requirements need to be online. Kenn will get Carolyn updated information.

B. Treasurer's Report

- Carolyn virtually attended the Mecosta County Development Corporation meeting.
- Ferris' budget is down but enrollment is up.
- 250 small businesses in Big Rapids received grants.
- 88% have paid 95% of Summer Taxes
- 44% have paid 31% of the winter taxes.

C. Clerk's Report

- 1099 and W2's are done. Billie will be sending the IRS and Social Security copies Certified mail and all individual W2 or 1099 copies regular mail.
- There was an illegal burn on the last fire bill. Should we send an invoice for that per ordinance 2020-01?

VII. New Business

- A. Mecosta County Road Commission - The Mecosta County Road Commission is considering putting a Milage in the next Election. The Board discussed what the Road commission wanted to use the millage for.

B. Road Projects

Dust Control- The board went over the quality and the price of the brine that is done by the Mecosta County Road Commission and by MCS. We also discussed the quality, price, and concerns of dead end roads for MCS.

Austin Township would like to try and get two brines done in 2021, One before memorial day and one in July.

Carolyn Towsley moved to use MCS for dust Control For the 2021 year, Sandra Mayo Supports.

Carolyn Towsley makes a motion to amend her original motion, and do two brines for the 2021 year, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion Carries.

Motion approved as amended.

Other Road projects for 2021 were discussed.

C. Salary Resolutions

Trustees salary increases 1.4% to \$2,100/year. Kenneth Vredenburg moved to approve the trustees salary, supported by Billie Jean Barnes. Roll call, Sandra Mayo voted yes, John Brockway voted yes, Carolyn Towsley voted yes, Billie Jean Barnes voted yes and Kenn Vredenburg voted yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor salary increases 1.4% to \$7,100 Sandra mayo moved to approve supervisors salary, supported by Billie Jean Barnes. Roll call, Sandra Mayo voted yes, John Brockway voted yes, Carolyn Towsley voted yes, Billie Barnes voted yes and Kenn Vredenburg voted yes. Motion Carried.

Assessors salary increases 1.4% to \$21,100, Sandra Mayo moved to approve supervisors salary, supported by Billie Jean Barnes. Roll call, Sandra Mayo voted yes, John Brockway voted yes, Carolyn Towsley voted yes, Billie Jean Barnes voted yes and Kenn Vredenburg voted yes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Salary increases 1.4% \$15,000 to \$15,300 Kenneth Vredenburg moved to approve clerks salary, supported by Sandra Mayo. Roll call, Sandra Mayo voted no, John Brockway voted no, Carolyn Towsley voted no, Billie Jean Barnes voted no and Kenn Vredenburg voted no. Motion Carried.

Kenneth Vredenburg made a motion to increase the clerks salary to \$15,500, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Roll call, Sandra Mayo voted yes, John Brockway voted yes, Carolyn Towsley voted yes, Billie Jean Barnes voted yes and Kenn Vredenburg voted yes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's salary increases 1.4% to \$14,200/year Kenneth Vredenburg moved to approve treasurer's salary, supported by Sandra Mayo. Roll call, Sandra Mayo voted yes, John Brockway voted yes, Carolyn Towsley voted yes, Billie Jean Barnes voted yes and Kenn Vredenburg voted yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Billie Jean Barnes