

Austin Township Board Meeting

Tuesday February 9th, 2021

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

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg (Virtually), Billie Jean Barnes, Carolyn Towsley(virtually), John Brockway and Sandra Mayo . Two guests present: Amber Schneider and Tom O'neil

I. 7:31 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

II. Public Comment

- Tom told us that Mecosta County Parks would be on the may election. Millage was discussed.

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve the January 12th board meeting minutes as presented, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund reports match.
- State of Michigan Revenue sharing was high again this month.
- Cemetery reports match. (No activity)
- Hall account had no activity, still one outstanding check.
- There were no property tax checks issued.
- Reports accepted subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Township Checks #10007 through 10023. No cemetery checks were written this month.
- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township payments, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Per MTA- Board of Review is supposed to be virtual this year. Kenn is trying to figure out more details.
- Board of Review will be held on March 8th, 2021 and March 10th, 2021

B. Treasurer's Report

- 89% have paid 96% of Summer Taxes
- 62% have paid 47% of the winter taxes.

C. Clerk's Report

- Mecosta County Parks and Mid Michigan College will be on the May Election Ballot.

- Illegal Burn warning letter discussed. Per the Township boards discussion, Billie Jean will bring a sample warning letter to the March board Meeting to present.
- Everyone received a County Agency and Public Official directory, that is in the board meeting packet.
- Charter Prices for the Silver and Gold plans are increasing \$5.00.
- There is a copy of the Salary Resolutions in the Board Meeting information.
- The Workers Compensation Protest for Terrick Robinson is now being investigated.

D. Roads

- Road projects were discussed.

VII. New Business

- A. Hall Rentals - Community members have been inquiring if we were going to be re-opening the hall? The Austin Township board discussed if we would need a Covi-19 plan. Billie is going to ask the Mecosta County Clerk. She will have an answer at the March Board meeting.
- B. Hemp Farm - Hemp growing is legal in Austin Township.
- C. Cemetery Meeting- will be virtual using zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Billie Jean Barnes