

Austin Township Board Meeting

Tuesday April 13th, 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(Zoom), Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo . Guests present: Tom O'Neil

I. 7:36 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

II. Public Comment

- No public comment.

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towlsey moved to approve the March 9th board meeting minutes and annual budget meeting minutes as presented, Supported by Sandy Mayo. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund reports match.
- These reports will show revenue sharing, property tax funds and land division.
- Carolyn closed one of the Cdar accounts and transferred to a new CD.
- Cemetery reports balance.
- The one outstanding check for the hall account was reissued and it has cleared the bank.
- Rolled money into CD 5240 on 4/12/2021
- We will need to do something with Mercantile CD 6286. We can roll over another year? Interest is only .2%
- Reports accepted subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Kenn Vredenberg makes a motion to pay off the Ford Drain bill in full this month, Carolyn Towsley Supports.

Roll Call Vote:

Sandra Mayo: Yes

John Brockway: Yes

Carolyn Towsley: Yes

Billie Jean Barnes: Yes

Kenn Vredenberg: Yes

Motion Carries

- Township Checks #10042 through 10075 and Cemetery checks 1670-1671
- Kenn Vredenberg moved to approve Township payments, Supported by Carolyn Towsley. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Kenn will check on Canadian Lakes garbage complaint.
- The gravel that was put down last year seems to be holding up well.
- The Mecosta County Road Commission will work around the dates we have scheduled for our brining projects.

B. Treasurer's Report

- Carolyn virtually attended the Mecosta County Development Corporation meeting.
- For a project on the Hardy Dam they will start lowering the water level in 2022 and begin the project in 2023.
- Falcon Head was purchased, the golf course will be closed. The purchaser is turning it into their personal home.

C. Clerk's Report

- N/A

D. Roads

- If we decide not to do anything with 130th Ave, would we be willing to spend a little more to do 5 miles of gravel on 6 Mile Rd?
- Kenn Vredenberg makes a motion to fulfill the contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission and add 5 miles of Gravel on 6 Mile Rd.

Supported by Sadra Mayo.

Roll Call Vote:

Sandra Mayo: Yes

John Broackway: Yes

Carolyn Towsley: Yes

Billie Jean Barnes: Yes

Kenn Vredenburg: Yes

Motion carries.

E. Fire Department

- Morton Township agrees to a 5 year contract
- Carolyn Towsley moves to enter into a 5 year Fire Department services contract with Morton Township. Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion Carries.

F. Hall Rentals

- Two hall rentals vs. one hall rental per weekend was discussed. Per discussion if Laurie was not comfortable or could not clean the hall for both weekend rentals Billie Jean would help by cleaning.

VII. New Business

A. Two Hats Ranch

- Two Hats Ranch is requesting a Redistricting liquor license, they were supposed to send me the information to give to the board members, but they didn't have it to me.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Billie Jean Barnes