

Austin Township Board Meeting

Tuesday July 13th, 2021

The Austin Township board meeting was called to order by Clerk Billie Jean Barnes at the Township Hall at 14132 Pierce Rd, Stanwood, MI 49346.

Board members present: Billie Jean Barnes, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo. Kenn Vredenburg was absent.

One guest present.

7:37 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

I. Public Comment

1. N/A

III. Approval of minutes

- Sandra Mayo moved to approve the June 8th board meeting minutes as presented, supported by Carolyn Towsley. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund reports match.
- We received election reimbursement and interest payments.
- Cemetery reports off but we know where the amounts are off and will fix it. Billie forgot to report one Consumers bill that was paid.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Township Checks #10117-10137, and Cemetery checks 1675-1679
- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township payments and Cemetery payments, supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

Carolyn Towsley Moves to pay the Mecosta County Road Commission payment per the signed contract amount once we receive the bill, supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report presented by Carolyn Towsley

- We received membership votes for MML if we want to vote someone into the positions.
- Austin Township had a garbage complaint a couple of months ago and Kenn has addressed this with home owners on two different occasions; it has been turned over to the county.
- Board of Review is Tuesday July 20th at 4:30 p.m., will be discussing PRE's, Clerical Errors, Hardships and Veterans Exemptions..

- We received a letter from Charter to set up our Franchise fees as an ACH instead of them sending us a paper check. The township board discussed the benefits of doing this.

Carolyn Towsley moves we set up an ACH for our Charter franchise fees,
Pending discussion on safety with Charter and quickbooks. Motion supported by Sandra Mayo as amended.

Roll call vote:

Sandra Mayo: Yes John Brockway: Yes
Carolyn Towsley: Yes Billie Jean Barnes: Yes
Motion Carries.

B. Treasurer's Report

- Summer tax collections 13% have paid 8% of Summer Taxes.

C. Clerk's Report

- I have been asked questions about how the Mecosta County Road Commission prioritizes road projects. 8 mile Rd once again has pot holes all over.
- Lexus Nexus needs a fire report, I will forward that information over to Morton Township and Kenn.

D. Quickbooks

- Carolyn Towsley will need to update her quickbooks for the property tax account.

VII. New Business

A. Covid Relief

- After discussion the board decided to apply for the Covid relief grant.

B. Quill account

- Quill is similar to Staples except we would be able to receive a bill from them instead of payments out of our own pockets when we need office supplies.

Carolyn Towsley moves to set up a Quill.com account for office supplies,
Supported by Billie Jean Barnes. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

Billie Jean Barnes