

Austin Township Board Meeting

Tuesday September 8th, 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 (virtually), John Brockway, and Sandra Mayo(virtually). Two Guest present: Tom O'neil, Brian Miller (virtually)

I. 7:47 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

II. Public Comment

- Brian Miller joined us using zoom, he wanted to introduce himself as the future sheriff of Mecosta County.

III. Approval of minutes

- Kenn Vredenburg moved to approve the September 8th 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 reports match, except savings. It's off because of a State Of Michigan payment.
- We received reimbursement for the March election. Moving that from the General account to the Savings account.
- Clerk and Treasurer Cemetery reports match.
- The Hall account is back to the original amount.
- Amber will do office hours on Friday.
- Reports accepted subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Township Checks #9893 through # 9911 plus an additional check for John's township mowing and Cemetery Check # 1663 for Tinkerpete.
- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township and Cemetery payments, Supported by John Brckway. Motion approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Gravel was started last Thursday and Friday, 135th is done.
- The gravel bill was discussed
- 4029 Millage request were discussed.
- Assessors reform meeting is tomorrow.

B. Treasurer's Report

- 50% have paid 56% of Taxes
- One tax payment was made using BS&A.
- Carolyn asked Billie if she did the PPE survey - it was filled out.
- The Redbook accounting topic was discussed.

- Carolyn asked Billie if she received the FOIA request - She didn't receive it.
- Carolyn asked about EPB training. It was discussed.
- Revenue sharing was not as bad as projected.
- Carolyn will email Doug about the audit.
- Morton Township Library is opening back up. Billie will call to ask about our annual donation.

C. Clerks Report

- Discussed the Nov. Election and ways to help "protect" voters that vote in person.

D. Morton Township Fire

- Morton Township Fire- Are we happy with Morton Twps services that have been received? Would we like to pursue a longer contract with them? We discussed a longer contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Billie Jean Barnes