

Austin Township Board Meeting

Tuesday July 14th, 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, John Brockway, and Sandra Mayo. One Guest present: Tom O'neil.

I. 7:30 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

II. Public Comment

- Tom O'Neil: Dragon Trail will be opening soon. Gave a project list from the Mecosta County Road Commission.

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve the June 9th 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 saving report is not balanced. The balances are off because she didn't have the amount paid for the 941. Billie will start sending Carolyn the amount when the bill is paid during the month.
- Activity for the month: received May and June Cdars interest.
- Clerk and Treasurer Cemetery reports match.
- The Hall account has one outstanding check.
- The Property Tax account earned interest
- Sandra Mayo moved to accept the reports, Supported by John Brockway.
- Reports accepted subject to audit. Motion Carried

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Township Checks #9838 through # 9856 and Cemetery Check # 1660
- John Brockway moved to approve Township and Cemetery payments, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Board Of Review is July 21st at 5:00 P.M.
- Will have the gravel bids next week
- New Morton TWP Supervisor is Mark Klumpp

B. Treasurer's Report

- 16% have paid 8% of Taxes
- Summer Tax bill was vetoed but Bill 943 is still being voted on
- Carolyn will check and see if we need a signature line on the Winter Tax Bill if payors choose to pay by credit card through the mail.

C. Clerks Report

- Everything is coming along for the August Election. Figuring out mask requirements

VII. New Business

A. Household Hazardous Waste 2020 Contribution

- Carolyn Towsley moves to contribute \$400.00 to Household Hazardous Waste Program. Supported by Sandra Mayo.

Roll Call to Contribute to Household Hazardous Waste

SM - Yes BB - Yes
JB - Yes KV - Yes
CT- Yes

Motion Passed

B. Walton Erickson Library Contribution 2020

- After reviewing the contract, the Austin Township Board decided to have Kenn Vredenburg write a letter asking why we needed to sign a contract.

C. Township Hall Mask Policy

- The Township will be posting a Notice on the door asking all people to wear a mask, but will not confront someone if they do not wear a mask.

D. Online Tax Records

- BS&A- If Carolyn uploads her Tax information daily then taxpayers can find their tax information. This feature is already in our contract and will not cost any extra. Others besides the taxpayers will be charged \$2.00.
- Sandra Mayo moves to authorize Carolyn to sign the Public Search contract through BS&A. Supported by John Brockway. Motion Carries

E. Elavon

- Carolyn would export her tax information, the taxpayers could pay and the money would be put in our property tax account. The licence fee would be \$149.00. Carolyn will call to verify.

F. Ford Drain

- No changes. There will be another letting where they will have the bids back.

G. Tri- County Electric Metro act

- The contract will need to be signed in 45 days.
- Carolyn Towsley moves to sign the Tri-County Electric Metro Act contract. Supported by Sandra Mayo.

Roll Call to sign the Tri-County Electric Metro Act contract

SM - Yes	BB - Yes
JB - Yes	KV - Yes
CT- Yes	

Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Billie Jean Barnes