

## Austin Township Board Meeting

October 12th, 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.

Board members present: Kenneth Vredenburg, Billie Jean Barnes, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo, Carolyn Towsley arrived at 8:15pm.

Guests Present: Tom O'neil and four other guests were present.

7:39 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

### I. Public Comment

1. One guest asked what could be done about neighbors with junk in their yards. Kenn explained he likes to go talk to the property owner and give them a chance to clean it up. If they don't have it cleaned up, then it's turned over to the county.
2. One guest asked about elections in Austin Township, the process was explained.
3. Another guest asked about the possibilities of windmill farms in Austin Township and how likely it was for Austin Township to become a sanctuary city.

They were informed, at this time we have not heard about a windmill farm. It was also explained, Austin Township is unlikely to become a sanctuary city, because there is no extra housing, but we haven't heard anything about that either.

### III. Approval of minutes

- Sandra Mayo moves to approve the September 14th board meeting minutes as presented, supported by John Brockway. Motion carried.

### IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund reports match.
- We received State of Michigan revenue share.
- IRS refund
- State of Michigan covid grant came, Carolyn put that in a separate savings account.
- Cemetery reports match.
- Hall account - One deposit was not returned because of damage to the walls.
- Property tax, deposits made,, Credit card machine is being used, other checks have been issued.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

### V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Sandra Mayo moved to approve Township payment checks # 10177-10195, and cemetery payment checks # 1681-1682 supported by John Brockway. Motion carried.

#### VI. Unfinished Business

##### A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Kenn heard back on the Tullymore review, they added more years, not much progress right now.
- House sale study says- House sales are up about 10% this year.

##### B. Treasurer's Report

- 85% of taxpayers have paid 92% of tax dollars.
- Winter newsletter needs to be proofread, it is due before the next board meeting.

##### C. Clerk's Report

- Shared trail information.

D. Kenn still needs to sign a lot sale paperwork at the title office.

#### VII. New Business

- A. The Road Commission project list is due in March.
- B. Is there a need for a cemetery meeting? Austin Township board did not feel a meeting was necessary at this time.
- C. Homeworks Internet may be available in our area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm

Billie Jean Barnes