

The Austin Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth Vredenburg at the Township Hall at 14132 Pierce Road, Stanwood, MI, 49346 on March 15, 2016 at 7:55 p.m.

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg, Carolyn Towsley, Elizabeth G Carr, John Brockway, and Sandra Mayo. There were two guests. There was no public comment.

Minutes: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Carolyn Towsley to accept the minutes with a correction to Fire Department and First Responder Report: "The replacement cost would be around \$30,000.00," should read, "The replacement cost would be around \$3,000.00." Motion carried.

Financial Report: We received two Franchise Fee checks totaling \$1,173.14. The Cemetery has \$4,088.28 in their account. The Property Tax account is balanced. Carried subject to audit.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by John Brockway, supported by Sandra Mayo to approve for payment Township check #'s 8679-8706 and Cemetery check #'s 1550-1551. Motion carried.

Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by John Brockway, for the Clerk and Treasurer to pay the end of the year bills. Motion carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: The next Fire Board Meeting will be tomorrow night, March 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Mecosta Austin Fire Hall. The Fire Department received a \$350.00 donation from the Amish for the fire on 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: There was one petition at the Board of Review. There will be BOR hours tomorrow, March 16, 2016, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and from 6:00-9:00 p.m. There were three Veterans applied for. There are still problems with the GIS mapping. The maps are just not accurate.
3. Treasurer's Report: 91% of taxpayers have paid 96% of the tax dollars for the summer taxes. 83% of taxpayers have paid 94% of the tax dollars for the winter taxes. The Tax Account is balanced. The Township Operating, Interest and Penalties taxes received will be invested.
4. Clerk's Report: The Presidential Primary Election went very well. We did not experience any problems. The Township is signed up with a tax free account with Amazon. Great Lakes Office Supply has a new website to place orders. They are encouraging all their customers to try it out to streamline the process of placing orders.

#### New Business:

1. Deputy Clerk: Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Carolyn Towsley to appoint Lisa Lambert as the new Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.
2. Roads: Bids are due today to the County Road Commission for the road projects that will be completed this summer. Austin Township is hoping to be able to go with the heavier road specs for the 180<sup>th</sup> Road project.
3. Pension: Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Carolyn Towsley to take \$5,000.00 from 900-971 Capital Outlay and transfer it to 861-718 Pension. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Austin Township Clerk

