

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 June 14, 2016 at 7:40 p.m.

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg, Elizabeth G Carr, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway, and Sandra Mayo.

Public Comment: Bill Larson-Running for County Road Commission District 5. Michele Hoitinga-Running for State Representative 102<sup>nd</sup> District. Tom O'Neil-Running for County Road Commission District 5. Linda Howard-Friends of the Stone House Committee, School Section Lake has raised \$71,500.00 towards it's restoration. There is a group exploring connecting the White Pine Trail to the Village of Mecosta. There will be a Parks Millage on the ballot in August.

Minutes: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Carolyn Towsley to accept the minutes with a correction, "senor" to "senior". Motion carried.

Finance Report: The checks from Charter were slightly up. Taxes Receivables need to be moved. We received interest, hall rentals, and delinquent taxes. We have received the Mecosta Township check for the Cemetery. We received .02 in interest in the Property Tax Account. Accepted subject to audit.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandra Mayo to approve for payment Township check #'s 8761-8785 and Cemetery check #'s 1557-1559. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: The year-end settlement was tabled until the next meeting per the audit. There were 16 incidents since the last meeting. Mecosta and Osceola Counties are cooperating to write an interoperability grant. The share per township would be \$7,500.00. Ice Mountain is doing a ground water contamination report concerning the installation of a washer and dryer at the Mecosta Austin Fire Hall. There isn't a price yet on a generator. Two companies were invited to come and give a bid, but neither showed up. They will seek other bids to have ready for July. Natacsha Warrington has passed all her tests and is waiting for her certificate from the State of Michigan. Rachel Peacock passed her written exam, but is on medical leave. Cody Bullock passed Firefighter I, but will need to retake his practicals. The Fire Department will purchase a new office computer that has enough space for the Fire Programs. The old computer will be used for training. The computer should cost about \$500.00. MFR will be spending \$1,000.00 to restock their supplies. Engine#1 is at Weller for transmission repair. The break down was the fault of a misunderstanding on the part of Weller over what was required for the last repair. They will repair the transmission at no cost to the Fire Department and provide a one-year warranty. Hydrant flushing, pump training, and extrication training is done. There will be joint training with the Morley Fire Department at Week's to practice cutting up cars. The Fire Board chose not to bond the Treasurer's position. She is bonded under her Township policy.
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: We received the list of state foreclosures. Casair is appealing the property assessment on the tower property. I wrote a letter to the Planning Commission about the Amish Auction House meeting the same standard as we were required to do with the storage shed at the Cemetery.
3. Treasurer's Report: The tax letter is paid for and delivered to Equalization. I have received one call on the Morley Stanwood Schools summer tax change
4. Clerk's Report: I received phone call about receiving toner for the Xerox machine. When I received the toner there was also a bill for \$600.00. I called Xerox and they said I was part of a

phoner toner scam and gave me steps to follow to deal with the scam. One hundred and three Absent Voter applications were sent out.

5. Burnham and Flower: We will be setting up a meeting to have our questions cleared up before we sign the contract.
6. Roads: The County Road Commission has found several spungy hills that need to be fixed. They will be tiling them in July or August.

New Business:

1. Verizon: Need to look into the upgrade for the office phone. Possible forwarding to our cell phones to answer when we're not in office.
2. Hazardous Waste: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Carolyn Towsley to increase the amount we support from \$300.00 to \$350.00. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Austin Township Clerk