

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 January 10, 2017 at 7:38 p.m.

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg, Elizabeth G Carr, John Brockway, and Megan Giuliani-DT. Absent were Carolyn Towsley and Sandra Mayo.

Public Comment: Tom O'Neil, County Commissioner-There is a \$300.00 base cost for a community to use our morgue. A different community using our morgue would have to supply their own pathologist. Mecosta County does not employ our own pathologist, but contracts with a pathologist for each case.

Minutes: Moved by John Brockway, supported by Kenneth Vredenburg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The Township balanced at \$374,155.45 and the Cemetery balanced at \$4111.30.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by John Brockway to pay the Township check #'s 8925-8946 and the Cemetery check # 1576. Motion carried. We received and deposited the State Shared Revenue check of \$20,851.00.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: The Fire Board Meeting will be next Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall on 8 Mile Road, Stanwood, MI, 49346. The Joint Township Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Austin Township Hall at 14132 Pierce Road, Stanwood, MI, 49346 at 7 p.m.
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: The State of Michigan has received the foreclosed lots rejected by Austin Township. They called to confirm that we had kept one lot held out. That lot is being purchased.
3. Treasurer's Report: 85% of the taxpayers have paid 94% of the summer taxes. 40% of the taxpayers have paid 27% of the winter taxes. Megan Giuliani-Deputy Treasurer will be in the office Saturday, January 14th from 10 am – 1 pm.
4. Clerk's Report: Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by John Brockway to send the Clerk, Elizabeth G Carr, to the Annual MTA Conference April 11-13, 2017 and to pay for the Registration Fee and lodging for the Conference. Motion carried.
5. Website: The website will hopefully be up and running next week.
6. Verizon Tower: They continue to make progress. The fence is up and grounded, but the tower has not been built yet.

New Business:

1. 2017 County Road Commission Priority List: Our only priority is to finish the 180th Avenue Road Project. We will not be requesting and paying for an extra brining this year.
2. Joint Township Board Meeting: The revised agreement needs to be officially signed. The township is curious why the pagers are being replaced when most of the messaging is done through cell phones. What is the status of the washer and dryer for the Fire Department? The Fire Department Budget should remain at \$60,000.00. The Money Market account should be used towards a project, possibly the washer and dryer, and then closed. Any leftover funds at the end of the budget year should be added to the General Fund Account for the Fire Department.
3. Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Austin Township Clerk