

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 December 8, 2015.

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

Minutes: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by John Brockway to accept the minutes with correction to #2 Assessor and Supervisor Report: should read: "Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by John Brockway to reject the foreclosed properties that were not sold at auction that Austin Township will be returning to the State of Michigan." Also #3 Treasurer's Report should read: "There were 106 foreclosures county wide this year". Motion carried

Financial Report: We have received the State of Michigan Revenue Sharing check. We have also received the Charter Franchise Fee check. The Cemetery had \$175.00 in Lot Sales. \$9,000.00 was deposited in the Property Tax Account. Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by John Brockway to approve the Financial Report. Carried subject to audit.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandra Mayo to approve for payment Township check #'s 8622-8638 with the addition of check #8639 for \$75.00 to Laurie Brockway for cleaning of the Township Hall, and to approve for Payment Cemetery #'s 1546-1547. According to the report sent from Mecosta Township the Fire Department spent \$3,096.08 on invoices and \$16,214.50 in salaries. The First Responders spent \$626.59 on invoices. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: The new radios have been received and are working fine. The neighboring counties have all updated to the 800 MHZ band radios also. The Narcan has been installed. There are a lot of check points that have to be met before Rescue would be issued permission to use it, such as time and distance from an ambulance or hospital. We have two new fire fighters: Rachel Peacock and Bill Harris. The annual Fire Program Software renewal is \$600.00. The Department would like to add the Rescue Module to it. The total cost would be \$1,380.00. The Fire Department would receive credit for the \$600.00 it has already paid. Rescue would pay for their half of the total cost. There would be an additional \$90.00 the Fire Department would need to pay. The program has its own secure servers allowing for offsite storage of information and the ability to login and upload information from any device or to access information from anywhere when necessary. The goal is to purchase two iPads, one to be mounted in the truck for Rescue and one to be mounted in a truck for the Fire Department. They will plan to purchase one for the Fire Department out of next year's budget. The First Responders will be receiving from an overage in taxes paid of approximately \$450.00. The Fire Board approved for the Fire Department and First Responders to spend up to \$1,700.00 for Rescue Module and iPad. The price on air packs has gone way up. We have two years left until ours expire. We may need to stagger our replacements. The Fire Department will have prices for the January board meetings. There was an exhaust leak on the tender. It was taken to Denny's Muffler Shop for repair. They repaired the tender and charged us nothing! A thank you card has been sent. Rescue had 32 runs. Run reimbursement will be \$1,072.67. This comes out to \$26.16 per run. The Christmas party is December 8th at 6 pm. The next Fire Board Meeting will be January 20, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall.
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: Board of Review will be Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Austin Township Hall. The County Road Commission has been notified that we intend to complete the 180th Road paving project from Johnson Road to 11 Mile.

3. Treasurer's Report: We received the State of Michigan check and the next Charter Communications check, for a total of approximately \$22,000.00 that was deposited in the General Fund. The next MCTA Meeting will be February 1, 2016 at Green Township Hall at 6:30 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting and our potluck. Bob Baldwin will be substituting for me and I will be submitting my resignation as Chairman. He plans on discussing the Fire Chief's Meeting and hopefully we can get the Angels of Action to speak about the services they offer.
4. Clerk's Report: Local legislation can be included on the Presidential Primary Ballot. The Michigan Legislature is considering doing away with straight party voting and considering no-reason absentee voting. The Presidential Primary will be March 8, 2016 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Our next Township Board Meeting will be March 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
5. Joint Township Meeting: The Joint Township Meeting will be at Mecosta Township on January 21, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.