

The Austin Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth Vredenburg at the Township Hall at 14132 Pierce Road, Stanwood, Michigan, 49346 on March 10, 2015 at 7:47 p.m.

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg, Elizabeth G Carr, Sandra Mayo, and Megan Sgro, DT. John Brockway was absent.

Public Comment: Art Adelman-The Magistrate, Steve Delaney, has resigned. Tom Lyons the Court Reporter has resigned. The Equalization Department has an opening for a secretary. The County has sold 30+ acres, where the old dump was, to Hatchews. The MOTA Board has an opening.

Minutes: Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Sandra Mayo to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Finance Report: The Treasurer has been checking CD rates and Isabella Bank is offering the best interest rates. Taxes balanced and has been submitted to the County. The Clerk and Treasurer have been able to correct several of the Balance Sheet errors. The Township still shows the incorrect amount in Accounts Payable. The Fire Department Independent Bank CD amount has been corrected. The First Responder Balance Sheet has been corrected. The Treasurer will finish making the necessary adjustments when she returns. The Delinquent Tax amount is \$3,884.97. 92% of taxpayers have paid 85% of the summer taxes. 97% of the taxpayers have paid 94% of the winter taxes. Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Sandra Mayo to approve the Finance Report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Sandra Mayo to approve for payment Township check #'s 8418-8433 and Cemetery check # 1524, and to present for review Fire Department check #'s 5009-5023 and First Responder check #'s 1488-1490. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: The next Fire Board Meeting is March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The Fire Department has received a \$500.00 donation towards the purchase of another light.
2. Assessor and Supervisor's Report: Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Sandra Mayo to appoint Benjamin Covey as an alternate for the Board of Review. Motion carried. There was one person who came to the Board of Review.
3. Clerk's Report: The Tabulator maintenance is finished. There will be an election on May 5, 2015 to revise the Michigan tax code on gasoline. The 2012 Quick Books will no longer be supported after May. The Clerk's office will need to update to Quick Books 2015. We will be ordering new check for the Township also.
4. Casair: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Kenneth Vredenburg to switch the office internet to Casair per Kenn's contract negotiations. Motion carried.
5. Budget: The Budget Meeting will be March 31, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
6. Canadian Lakes Lots: The Supervisor has met with Greg Babbitt from the Canadian Lakes Property Owners Association to see if there is a way to resolve the fees on the lots. No solution has been decided yet.
7. Canadian Lakes Recycle: They are having problems with people from other townships coming to their recycle. They are considering allowing only Canadian Lakes residents to participate, but don't want to lose our monthly support. They are considering a sticker system for their residents. Austin Township will not be offered stickers at this point. We may step away for a year until they resolve this issue.

8. Brining: Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Sandra Mayo to contract for the free brining with the Mecosta County Road Commission. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Austin Township Clerk