

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 September 12, 2017 at 7:38 p.m.

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg, Elizabeth G Carr, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway, and Sandra Mayo. There was one guest present.

Public Comment: Tom O'Neil, County Commissioner-there will be a pig roast at the Mecosta County Commission on Aging on Saturday, September 16th from 12-6 p.m. The Mecosta County Road Commission will be doing a crack and seal on Pierce Road from Stanwood to the four corners in Canadian Lakes.

Minutes: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Carolyn Towsley to accept the minutes with correction. Public Comment should read, "30 Year Tri-County Electric Service Resolution. Motion carried.

Finance Report: The Township Accounts agree at \$240,760.78. There is a \$170.37 that the auditor needs to make. Two Franchise Charter checks came in. Money was moved from the CD's to the checking account to pay for the 180th Road paving project. The Cemetery Accounts agree at \$6,206.71. There were two lot sales. The Property Tax Account was money in/money out with the tax distribution checks. There is \$2,126.75 left in the account. Report accepted subject to audit.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by John Brockway, supported by Sandra Mayo to pay Township check #'s 9100-9120 and Cemetery check #'s 1591-1594. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: The next Fire Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Fire Department at 7 p.m.
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: Our tax rate will be 1.2453 mills. All they did for the Assessors Audit was to check and make sure I had all the correct paperwork. They did not check my totals. There was a meeting with the State of Michigan Land Bank, Canadian Lakes, Morton Township, and Austin Township about the foreclosed property at Canadian Lakes. No consensus was reached. The State would like to combine lots to make them easier to sell. There are several 911 addresses that need to be corrected in the 911 data base. We need to begin to consider what our future paving project would be and if we would like to contract for a second brining next year.
3. Treasurer's Report: 66% of the Taxpayers have paid 76% of the tax dollars so far. The BS&S Conference was excellent. They discussed how to do reports, enter taxes faster, how to do parcel and payment reports, etc. There are 18 parcel foreclosures. One parcel has been sold. There are only 2 parcels that are not from Canadian Lakes.
4. Clerk's Report: The new voting machines are here, set up, and certified. The tabulator is larger than the last machine and will need to be secured in the extra office. There are several pieces to the ADA device. There will be a lot of training next year to bring all the election inspectors up-to-date. The State of Michigan is no longer charging us a past due fine on our Unemployment Taxes. Now they have credited us with an extra payment. I will continue to try to get them to just record our payment with no penalties or credits. We received a very nice thank you card from the Wish-a-Mile organization for allowing them to use our parking lot as a rest and refreshment area.
5. Verizon: We have not received our new office system yet. There is a new Verizon tower going up at approximately 8 Mile and 165th Ave.

6. Olin Cemetery: The fence, trail, new gates are cleared, repaired, and installed. The property that contains our right-of-way has been sold. The new owners are aware of the right-of-way.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Austin Township Clerk