

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 October 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comment: N/A

Minutes: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by John Brockway to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The Township balanced at \$251,466.84. We received a Revenue Sharing check of \$21,663.00. The Cemetery balanced at \$5,712.10. There was one lot sale. The Property Tax account had \$22,759.47 at disbursements. Accepted subject to audit.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by John Brockway, supported by Sandra Mayo to pay Township check #'s 9121-9137 and to add check #9138 County Road Commission for \$5,149.32, and to pay Cemetery check #'s 1595-1596. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: The Fire Department had \$63,404.49 in their account and the First Responders had \$9,724.17 in their account. \$14,644.78 in bills were approved for the Fire Department and \$2,206.01 were approved in bills for the First Responders. Three sets of turn-out gear were approved at a total of \$5,478.24. However, five new people have been hired. The untrained firefighters can use the old gear until their training is complete. Nick Routley is already trained in Fire and Rescue. We need to purchase miscellaneous pieces of turn out gear to outfit the new hires. \$2,500.00 was approved to be used out of 208-000-735 Firefighter Expense and the rest of the balance out of 208-000-989 Contingency. The new transmission from the DNR for the grass rig has been received. The Fire Department will need to pay for labor and fluids. The DNR also donated a \$2,700.00 ceiling mount Panasonic projector for the Fire Department for training sessions. The ISO inspector is requiring us to confirm our dry hydrants. When the correct fittings are placed on the Sackett well on 135th Avenue, it will be added to our ISO rating. ISO points were gained from switching our mutual aid from Big Rapids Township to the City of Big Rapids because they possess a ladder truck. The Kmart hydrant has been approved for service. The State of Michigan has mandated 12 hours of training between mutual aid partners to be conducted in 4 sessions throughout the year. There have been some ropes and a tripod donated also. The tripod will be useful in training exercises in confined spaces. Steve has already completed this training. The Citroclean soap for the turnout gear has arrived. The boat has sprung a leak in the keel between the inner and outer layers. If the leaks can't be repaired, the Fire Department will write a grant to the DNR for a replacement boat. Pump Operations training with Morley Fire Department has been completed and boat operations training. MUSA has been paid and a Thank You card has been sent for the Dragon Trail training. There were 14 attendees from the Mecosta Austin Fire Department and 31 attendees altogether. High Angle training will be on October 21, 2017. The boat engine was repaired. Grass Rig 1 was converted to 12 volts per MDNR. The MFR had a total of 37 runs since July. They have not received their second \$3,500.00 disbursement yet. County wide MFR runs are down by 200 so far, this year. We are averaging the same amount of runs as this time last year. The hospital may issue epi pens. The Career Center will be offering Firefighter classes. They will be free and paid for by the MOISD. We have 4 in Firefighter 1&2 and 1 in EMT training. The training at the Career Center will be advertised to anyone interested, but they must be sponsored by a Fire Department before they can take the class. The training that Fire Departments are being required

to take now is the equivalent of 14 credit hours at Ferris. The Christmas Banquet will be December 13th at 6 p.m. at the Corner Café. The cost will be \$20 per person.

2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: The Cemetery Board Meeting will be October 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall. All the wood from the tree cutting at the Cemetery has been cleaned up. There have been several junk complaints.
3. Treasurer's Report: 81% of tax payers have paid 91% of the summer taxes. If you have anything for our newsletter, I need your submission as soon as possible. The Clerk and Treasurer will be changing their office hours to the first Tuesday of the month instead of the first Monday of the month starting in January.
4. Clerk's Report: There will be training on the new voting machines Thursday, October 12th from 10:00-12:00. The State of Michigan is updating the UIA website and way that the taxes are filed.

Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Austin Township Clerk