

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 June 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg, Elizabeth G Carr, Sandra Mayo, Megan Guiliani-DT. Carolyn Towsley was absent. John Brockway arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. Kaitlyn Haner-Intern at the Mecosta County District Health Department #10. Kaitlyn is conducting a survey about smoking in public parks. She is seeking permission to interview people at public parks in Austin Township. Permission is granted, but Austin Township does not have any public parks other than the swing set at the Township Hall.
2. Mike Roberts-Candidate running for the District 5 County Commission seat. Two areas of focus and interest for him are the roads in Mecosta County and the poverty.

Minutes: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Kenneth Vredenburg to accept the minutes with the correction to Minutes that should read "supported by John Brockway." Motion carried.

Finance Report: The Township, Cemetery, and Property Tax accounts balanced. We received a Revenue Sharing check from the State of Michigan, the Franchise Fee checks, and had 5 Hall rentals. Accepted subject to audit.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Kenneth Vredenburg to approve for payment Township check #'s 9278-9304, and Cemetery check #'s 1607-1610. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: We have received an inventory from Mecosta Township of the Fire Department and First Responders. They have been unable to an arbitrator. They would like to set up a meeting soon. We will not be setting up a meeting until Austin Township has had a chance to go over everything and have our own meeting. The next regularly scheduled Fire Board Meeting would be July 18th. There will be a meeting with Morton Township Supervisor Dick Wheeler on June 21st at 10 a.m. at Morton Township Hall to discuss what our options for Fire coverage are with the Morton Fire Department. Everyone is welcome to attend.
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: There will be an Assessor Conference in Big Rapids on Thursday, June 14th. Kila Shiander will be the speaker. BS&A has updated part of their program with new tables, files, and manuals.
3. Treasurer Report: Moved by moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Sandra Mayo to pay expenses for Carolyn Towsley and Megan Giuliani to go to BS&A class on August 9th. The newsletter is finished, printed and ready to be mailed with the summer tax statements.
4. Clerk's Report: The 2018 QuickBooks was purchased and downloaded to the Clerk's office computer today. Our subscription for payroll is good through October. Some of the Payroll Reports would not print. There may be a compatibility problem with my desktop. I have a Windows 8. We received correspondence from Michele Hoitenga about the new proposed legislation that would drastically change the assessments and assessor's. I have also received correspondence form the Bureau of Elections about a potential FOIA request for specific voter information and how to handle it. With the new updated QVF and QuickBooks computer requirements, discussion was had to purchase an updated computer for the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will research requirements and prices and bring them to the Township Board Meeting in July.

5. Roads: The County Road crews have begun work on 7 Mile cutting trees. Brining should start this week. The patch is done on 140th Avenue. The Big Rapids Garage is covering Austin Township instead of the Morley Garage.
6. Mecosta County Conservation District: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Elizabeth G Carr to contribute \$350.00 to the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation District for their hazardous waste collection and disposal day. Motion carried.

Public Comment: William Barnett-candidate for the 102nd District House of Representatives. He wants to make roads a priority. He is trying to fund his campaign with private donations only.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Austin Township Clerk

