

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 July 10, 2018 at 7:32 p.m.

Present were: Kenneth Vredenburg, Elizabeth G Carr, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway, and Sandra Mayo. There were 4 guests present.

Public Comment:

1. Kaitlyn Haner-Intern at Mecosta County District Health Department #10 was unable to conduct a personal survey. There will be a Survey Monkey link available.
2. Tom O'Neil-Mecosta County Commissioner 5<sup>th</sup> District: The feedback from potential pathologists is that they would need to be paid by only one county. That county can work out a reimbursement system with the other counties. The Morgue Authority approved the suggestion and the County Commissioners approved it. The Dog Officer is resigning and going to work for the DNR. The dog will remain with him and his family. They are generally one-person dogs. The Sheriff's Department will not try to replace the dog until after the marijuana vote in November.
3. Stephanie McNeil-Morton Township Clerk: Morton Township is offering a 3-year proposal that would start on September 1, 2018. The base charge would be \$20,000/year. There would be a graduated fee per each fire run from \$500.00-\$1,500.00 according to the type of run. Eric Williams is attorney for both townships and would be willing to draw up the contract. Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandra Mayo to begin contract agreement negotiations for Contracted Services for Fire Protection with Morton Township. Motion carried.

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

Financial Report: There is a 0.10 difference in the settlement that the Clerk and Treasurer will be resolving. We have received the Metro Act disbursement. Their online portal is still not working. The Financial Report is accepted subject to audit.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by John Brockway, supported by Sandra Mayo to approve for payment Township check #'s 9305-9325, and Cemetery check #'s 1611-1613. The bill for the audit will be paid after we receive clarification about the split between the Township and the Cemetery. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: See #3 above.
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: The Board of Review will meet next Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 7 p.m. Carolyn attended the Assessor's Training Meeting in Big Rapids.
3. Treasurer's Report: 108 people have paid their taxes already. The Staples + free account will be expiring soon. Austin Township will not be subscribing.
4. Clerk's Report: 56 ballots were sent out. 27 have been returned. There will be Election Inspector Training the last two weeks of the month. The Preliminary Accuracy Test will be July 16, 2018 at 11 a.m. The Public Accuracy Test will be July 17, 2018 at 11a.m. The next MCTA Meeting will be July 30, 2018 at 7 p.m. at. There is a potluck picnic beforehand at 6 p.m. at Highbanks Park, 19500 Arrowhead Lane, Big Rapids, Michigan, 49307.
5. Roads: Our one free brine has been completed. They are still working on 7 Mile Road. The Road Commission has applied pea stone and sealant on 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue up to the gas plant.

Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.