

The Austin Township Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth Vredenburg at the Township Hall at 14132 Pierce Road, Stanwood, MI, 49346 on August 14, 2018 at 7:30 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-Senator Booher came to the West Michigan Central County Alliance Meeting and said that there will be 1.2 million dollars released to each County Road Commission because of the road legislation that passed in 2016. Mecosta and Newaygo Counties have applied for a \$600,000.00 grant from the Fremont Foundation for the Dragon Trail.

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

Financial Report: The Clerk and Treasurer balance on all the accounts. The State of Michigan Revenue Sharing check continues to increase. There were two hall rentals this month. Chippewa Hills did notice that we weren't collecting the full fee and offered to let us correct the balance. We explained our position and that our actions were deliberate because of Morley Stanwood's policy.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandra Mayo to pay Township check #'s 9326-9351 and Cemetery check #'s 1614-1615. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department and First Responder Report: Morton Township approves of the suggested contract submitted by our Lawyers for fire protection. They will meet and go over a few revisions they want to add or change. The Supervisors and Clerks will be on the email list for the lawyers and contracts. Concerning the dissolution of our current contract with Mecosta Township, there are two ways we can dissolve. Each side picks and divides the equipment, and the leftovers are sold and the profits split, or a dollar amount is proposed, and the price is dickered over until an agreement is reached. Austin Township will offer a proposed price. Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Carolyn Towsley to ask our attorneys to prepare a proposal with the guidance of the Austin Township Supervisor Kenneth Vredenburg concerning the dissolution of the Mecosta Austin Fire Department and First Responders.

John Brockway-yes	Sandra Mayo-yes
Carolyn Towsley-yes	Elizabeth G Carr-yes
Kenneth Vredenburg-yes	
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: Casair has been reactivated and we are comparing speeds with Verizon. We will decide as to the best service this fall.
3. Treasurer Report: 28% of the taxpayers have paid 24% of the taxes. The Treasurer attended the BS&A Software Update class. There was a lot of good information, user groups, and work arounds that were shared. The Treasurer is still working with the Metro Act office to resolve the problem with the auto-deposit of our Metro Act funds into our account. The deputy for the Treasurer's office has moved outside of Austin Township and a search has begun for a new deputy.
4. Clerk's Report: MTA on the Road is coming this fall. Please decide if you are interested in attending by the next board meeting in September. The Clerk's office received the itemized bill for the audit, but it was over the contracted amount for the township and under the contracted amount for the cemetery. Moved by John Brockway, supported by Carolyn Towsley to pay the auditor's office the contracted amount until we receive an explanation for the change in billing.

Motion carried. The Clerk's office has not received the mileage amounts for two of the Election Inspectors and has not written their checks. Moved by Kenneth Vredenburg, supported by Sandra Mayo to pay the two election inspectors when the correct figures are received. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Austin Township Clerk