

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 November 13, 2018 at 7:45 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-The County budget is \$13 million, with a Fund Balance of \$9 million dollars. The ANR gave the Sheriff's Department \$16,000.00 to replace their police dog.

Minutes: Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandy Mayo to approve the minutes with the correction to #4 Treasurer's Report should read: "We have a second State foreclosure sale going through at Mecosta County." Motion carried.

Financial Report: The Township, Cemetery, and Tax Fund all balanced. There was no extra activity. Bills were paid and tax money was disbursed. Accepted subject to audit.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandra Mayo to pay Township check #'s 9393-9417, and Cemetery check #'s 1622-1623. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fire Department Report: We are waiting for the titles to sign off on all the trucks. The Mecosta Township auditor will be coming to close out the MA Fire Department and First Responder books. We will know if there is any Fund Balance to be divided after that.
2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: There was one junk complaint. The Assessing Review was accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report: Amber Schneider, Deputy Treasurer, cleared the background check and was sworn in on November 5, 2018. Both the Deputy Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk need to have signing capabilities on the Mercantile CD. Amber and I have set up training dates. The newsletter has been printed at Ferris and sent to KCI for processing with the tax statements. 86% of the taxpayers have paid 94% of the summer taxes. The funds from the buy-out of the Mecosta Austin Fire Department will be invested in the CDARS program at Mercantile Bank.

Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandra Mayo to create Resolution 2018-05 CDARS to expand our investment to the Mercantile Bank CDARS program and to add the Deputy Treasurer, Amber Schneider, and the Deputy Clerk, Lisa Lambert, to the Mercantile Bank CDARS paperwork.

Sandra Mayo-yes

John Brockway-yes

Carolyn Towsley-yes

Elizabeth G Carr-yes

Kenneth Vredenburg-yes

Motion carried.

4. Clerk's Report: There were 583 voter's at the November Mid-Term Election. The turn-out was very steady all day. We had a line a few times during the day. We received a refund check from MML of \$73.00. The night before the General Election when I attempted to load the Electronic Poll Book the laptop crashed. I have had no problem with it since I purchased it in 2015 when the other EPB laptop crashed. I called Marcee Purcell, the County Clerk, and she informed me that it was ok to use a laptop that Carolyn had. We will need to replace the laptop in order to continue to use the EPB.
5. Phones: tabled until next month in order to gather more information.
6. Backup Firewalls: tabled until next month in order to gather more information.

New Business:

1. Marijuana Resolution: No action was taken.
2. Clerk's Laptop: Moved by Carolyn, supported by Sandra Mayo to spend up to \$1,700.00 to replace the Clerk's laptop.
Sandra Mayo-yes John Brockway-yes
Carolyn Towsley-yes Elizabeth G Carr-yes
Kenneth Vredenburg-yes
3. Roads: Possible future road projects would include more graveling and possibly a future 12 Mile Road project if Colfax would partner with us.

Adjourned at 10 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Austin Township Clerk