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 February 12, 2019 at 7:35 p.m.

Present were Kenneth Vredenburg, Elizabeth G Carr, Carolyn Towsley, and Sandra Mayo. John Brockway was absent. There was one guest present.

Public Comment: Tom O'Neil, County Commissioner-The Morgue Authority has hired Dr Daniel Schultz as the coroner. He will work three days per week. He is from Tampa, Florida and will fly back and forth for now. The first autopsy was done last week. The Park Committee is considering .03 of a mil for the next local election.

Minutes: Moved by Sandra Mayo, supported by Kenneth Vredenburg to accept the minutes with a correction to #7 should read "ask Doug." Motion carried.

Financial Report: The Clerk and Treasurer's office are off by \$8.34 on the Savings Account. The discrepancy was caused by an attempt in the Clerk's office to rewrite a lost paycheck from December of 2018. We will be asking the auditor, Doug Wohlberg, for assistance in how to correct the mistake. The rest of the accounts balance between offices.

Payment of the Bills: Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandra Mayo to pay Township check #'s 9455-9472 and Cemetery check # 1627. Motion carried.

## **Unfinished Business:**

1. Fire Department Report: Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Elizabeth G Carr to have Kenneth Vredenburg proceed with any legal actions required to recoup the \$1,650 withheld from Austin Township by Mecosta Township from the dissolution of the former Mecosta Austin Fire Department.

Sandra Mayo-yes Carolyn Towsley-yes Elizabeth G Carr-yes Kenneth Vredenburg-yes

- 2. Assessor and Supervisor Report: The Board of Review will be March 11, 2019 from 9-12 and 1-4, and March 13, 2019 from 1-4 and 6-9.
- 3. Treasurer Report: Moved by Carolyn Towsley, supported by Sandra Mayo to collect the 2019 School taxes for Chippewa Hills School District. Motion carried. 88% of the taxpayers have paid 97% of the tax dollars of the summer taxes. 63% of the tax payers have paid 74% of the tax dollars of the winter taxes.
- 4. Clerk's Report: Chippewa Hills School District will be having a millage renewal election in May. The County Road Commission audit of expenditures has been completed and returned. The MTA Capitol Conference is February 27, 2019. The Casair fax bill will be going up by \$10.00. We received a letter from the new Morley Community Center talking about their programs, renovations, future, and their need for community support. The grand opening is planned for July 26, 2019. They have achieved (501) (c) (3) status.
- 5. Telephone: The Verizon One Talk phone number was incorrectly ported to Casair. It will be ported back on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Verizon One Talk will cost \$25 per month. The Fax to Email will cost us \$49.99 with Casair. We will begin to try to phase out the fax and transfer everything to email.
- 6. Domain Name: We will not renew our Domain name with 123eHost. We will transfer the domain name to the Shumaker Technology Group who hosts our website.

7. Audit Proposal: We received the new audit proposal from our Auditor Doug Wohlberg. We will continue with Doug for 2019-2022 audit years. We will approach Doug about separating the Cemetery audit fees from Austin Township audit fees.
Meeting adjoined at 9 p.m.
Elizabeth G Carr
Austin Township Clerk