

Austin Township Board Meeting
Tuesday September 10, 2019

Austin Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth Vredenburg at the Township Hall at 14132 Pierce Rd, Stanwood, MI 49346

Present were Kenneth Vredenburg, Billie Jean Barnes, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo. Four guests present.

I. 7:30 - Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

Public Comment

- Dragon Tail invitation October 4th, Sandy Beach in White Cloud MI.
- Illegal burns, DNR has not written a ticket, you can burn untreated wood.

II. Approval of minutes

Carolyn Towsley moved to approve August 13 board meeting as presented.
Supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.

III. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- Clerk and Treasurer Checking accounts didn't match.
- Carolyn and Billie will get together to what the problem was.
- Cemetery accounts match
- Report accepted subject to audit.

Payment of bills Township checks # 9611 through 9627 and Cemetery checks

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1641 through 1643 moved by Carolyn Towsley Supported by Sandra May,
motion carried.

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Received AMAR back we are in compliance.
- Charter raising their bill by \$1.50

2. Treasurer's Report

- MTA conference 10/2/19 Kenn, Sandy, Carolyn and Billie Jean to attend.
- Putting new drivers license security information in our newsletter.
- Tax collections at 63%

3. Clerks Report

- Make a wish Thank you card

- Chip Hills Millage
 - Morley community center - Abuse awareness program 9/24/19.
4. Ford Drain
- Ford Drain approved
 - Carla Miller (Deputy Drain Commissioner) sent a letter on 9/3/19 with a petition and resolution. Petition sent to Austin TWP and Aetna TWP
 - Townships can do a resolution property owners nrrf s petition.

V. New Business

1. Hall Deposit and Rental Fee

- \$50.00 refundable deposit if there is not excessive damage/cleaning and \$50.00 rental fee starting 1/1/2020.
- Will discuss painting options at the October board meeting

Carolyn Towsley moves \$50.00 refundable deposit and \$50.00 rental Fee if there is not excessive damage/cleaning starting 1/1/2020.
Supported by John Brockway, Motion carried.

2. Community Center Donations

- We cannot make donations.

3. Request for Shredding Company

- It was decided that to provide shredding for Austin Township residents is not economical at this time.

4. Election Training

- Lisa can attend the election Trainings on September 25th and October 29th.

5. Cemetery agreement

- In need of a new board member for the cemetery. Carolyn offered to be a board member.
- Carolyn suggested changing the cemetery meetings to March and only meet once a year and as needed.

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- Collecting the same as last year - 1.2453

7. Roads

- 170th Gravel is done. Bill for all road work should be received within the next month.

Adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Billie Jean Barnes
Austin Township Clerk