

Austin Township Board Meeting

Tuesday November, 12th 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. One guest present.

- I. 7:32 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance
- II. Public Comment
 - Tom O'Neil gave us the Marine report and shared with us that the MOTA millage passed.
- III. Approval of minutes
 - Carolyn Towsley moved to approve October 8th board meeting minutes as corrected, Supported by Sandra Mayo, pending corrections. Motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Election Commission minutes
 - Carolyn Towsley moved to approve the Election Commission minutes as presented, supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.
- V. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports
 - Clerk and Treasurer's Township report match. Cemetery report is off 37 cents, clerk will transfer that 37 cents of interest to the correct account and reports will match.
 - Transfer from CD 5240 was to cover road commission payment.
- VI. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills
 - Township Checks #9649 through # 9676 and an automatic payment withdrawal for deposit slips that were ordered through the general fund, and Cemetery Check # 646.
 - Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township and Cemetery payments, Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report
 - Kenn received the Ice Mountain Report.
 - We received three quotes: The first was \$2,500, second was 2,270 and the third was \$1,570.00.
 - Sandra Mayo moved that we go with the Bid from Bob the Painter for \$1,570, motion was supported by Carolyn Towsley, motion carried.
 - Township Assessor will need a new computer, he will be looking for one within the next month to six weeks.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 - Mercantile CD expiring on 11/14/2019; Called the bank and got a 6 and 12 month rate. Do we stick with Mercantile bank or change to Isabella bank? We will keep the CD with Mercantile bank if we can keep our rate at 1.45 and roll it over for a year.

- Talked to Doug about pre-paid expense. Doug said to leave the 8,333.33 alone. It is his journal entry. Current liability accounts payable also need to be left alone as they are also journal entries.
- Newsletter went to the printers.
- Hall rental agreement. How are we going to handle refunds. Billie and Carolyn will talk about this and discuss it at the next board meeting.
- There is a bill on the Governor's desk so we are able to designate someone to collect taxes on mandatory dates if Treasurer is unavailable.
- Austin Township is on the opt out of Marijuana list.
- Our State of Michigan Tax withholding account has been taken care of and there is nothing more owed.

IX. Clerks Report

- Altercare brought snacks for the election workers for the November, 5th 2019 election.
- Another laptop would be helpful to have for elections so we can run the QVF system (our other laptop is on airplane mode and cannot be taken off)

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

Billie Jean Barnes

Austin Township Clerk