

Austin Township Board Meeting

January 11th, 2021

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

Board members present: Kenneth Vredenburg, Billie Jean Barnes, Amber Schneider, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo,

Carolyn Towsley was present via zoom

Guests Present: Four guests present: Tom O'neil, Alan Sutherby, Dan Frieberg and Loretta Frieberg .

7:38 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

I. Public Comment

1. Alan Sutherby(Morton Township Fire)- gave the township year end reports. He is at the fire station 5 days a week. Alan discussed the grants he's been writing and what they can be used for. He has been working on an AFG grant, and a recruitment grant. He is hoping to hold one week youth camps for kids in different age groups. He also discussed Austin Township considering adopting a resolution for extradition calls. This would allow Austin Township to be reimbursed for those types of emergency calls. Alan also discussed ideas to help educate the community on fire safety. Kenn suggested a pancake breakfast, during the breakfast smoke alarms could be distributed to those in need.
2. Tom O'neil- Discussed the sheriffs departments need for a new boat and how it would be used. The sheriff's department is considering asking each township for a donation

III. Approval of minutes

- Sandra Mayo moves to approve the December 14th board meeting minutes as presented, supported by Kenn Vredenburg, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund reports did not match. Carolyn and Billie Jean are working to see where the difference is.
- We received a Charter check, swampland tax, and interest was deposited.
- Cemetery reports match.
- Hall account we had three hall rentals, and will be writing refund checks.
- Carolyn will be updating all of the CD expiration dates.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Kenn Vredenburg moved to approve Township payment checks # 10238-10254, and cemetery checks # 1685 supported by John Brockway. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Two junk complaints are still in progress. AMAR is this year for assessing. Kenn gave Dan and Loretta information on the fire department.

B. Treasurer's Report

- Summer taxes-88% of taxpayers have paid 95% of taxes. Winter taxes-44% of taxpayers have paid 33% of taxes.
- Chippewa Hills collection of summer Tax agreement. Would Austin Township like to agree to the Terms?

Kenn Vredenburg moved to sign the Chippewa Hills Summer Tax Collection Agreement. Supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carries.

C. Clerk's Report

- We are starting to get prepared for the upcoming August election.

D. Covid Fund

- All general government expenses are now approved. Please refer to the printout from MTA.

E. Roads

- The Bids for 130th and 8 mile were discussed.

VII. New Business

A. Salary Resolutions

Trustees salary increases to \$2,205/year.

Kenneth Vredenburg moved to approve the trustees salary, supported by Billie Jean Barnes.

Roll call:

Sandra Mayo -yes Billie Jean Barnes- yes

John Brockway- yes Kenn Vredenburg- yes.

Motion carried.

Supervisor salary increases \$7,500

Kenn Vredenburg moved to approve the supervisor's salary, supported by Billie Jean Barnes.

Roll call:

Sandra Mayo -yes Billie Jean Barnes- yes

John Brockway- yes Kenn Vredenburg- yes.

Motion carried.

Assessors salary increases to \$22,000

Sandra Mayo moved to approve the assessor's salary, supported by Billie Jean Barnes.

Roll call:

Sandra Mayo -yes Billie Jean Barnes- yes

John Brockway- yes Kenn Vredenburg- yes.

Motion carried.

Clerk Salary increases \$16,500

Kenneth Vredenburg moved to approve the clerk's salary, supported by Sandra Mayo.

Roll call:

Sandra Mayo -yes Billie Jean Barnes- yes

John Brockway- yes Kenn Vredenburg- yes.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's salary increases to \$16,500/year

Kenneth Vredenburg moved to approve the treasurer's salary, supported by Sandra Mayo.

Roll call:

Sandra Mayo -yes Billie Jean Barnes- yes

John Brockway- yes Kenn Vredenburg- yes.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Billie Jean Barnes