

## Austin Township Board Meeting

September 13th, 2022

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, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo.

Guests Present: One guests present: Tom O'neil

7:39 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

### I. Public Comment

1. Tom O'neil gave us report from the Sherriffs Department; Stanwood and Big Rapids park and rides are a Hotspot for people stealing Catalytic converters.
2. Kenn asked Tom if he was on the EMS committee? I'd so is it possible for the EMS on shift to park back farther and leave some of the parking spots up closer at the county building? Tom said he will bring it up at the next meeting.
3. Kenn wanted thank the county for approving the funds to help fix the road.

### III. Approval of minutes

- Sandra Mayo moves to approve the August 9th board meeting minutes as presented, supported by CarolynTowsley, motion carried.

### IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- All accounts match.
- Given account reconciliation reports.
- Cemetery had 2 lot sales
- Property tax shows what checks came in and what went out.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

### V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Kenneth Vredenburg moves to approve Township and cemetery payments supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

### VI. Unfinished Business

#### A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Canadian Lakes complaint- As of now, the county doesn't see that he is breaking any codes and is not in violation at this time.
- Carolyn went to meeting to learn how to deal with special assessments.
- If we want to move forward with blacktopping the driveway next summer Kenn will reach out to a few companies for bids.

#### B. Treasurer's Report

- 72% of Taxpayers have paid 82% of taxes.

#### C. Clerk's Report

- We received the official Call Of Election for the November 8th election.

#### D. Covid Fund

- Ideas for using the funds:
- New parking lot, play structure, AMAR assessing program, tablets for the board members.

#### E. Roads

- Sam from Michigan Chloride Sales said they were given a map by the Road Commission and it was flawed, that's why we had missed roads. When asked about the quality of the brining they said it was the same as what was agreed upon. We should think about if we want MCS to brine the roads again next year. If we do we will have to plan with the Road Commission to have the roads grated prior to brines.

#### VII. New Business

##### A. Lot Sale

- We have a lot Sale in process. We will charge \$1 and they will pay all other fees associated with the sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Billie Jean Barnes