

Austin Township Board Meeting

May 10th, 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, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo.

Guests Present: One guest present: Tom O'Neil

7:37 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

I. Public Comment

1. Tom O'Neil told us they had their drain tour. They have 35 drains that they take care of. This is the first tour since Covid. They didn't see everyone but did get to see several of them. They also got to see the new dam at Brady Lake.

III. Approval of minutes

- Sandra Mayo moves to approve the April 12 board meeting minutes, Election Commission meeting and Public Accuracy Test minutes as presented, supported by John Brockway, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund accounts are off. It's showing interest on the CD after it was closed. We need to figure out how to put it in the correct account. CD 5240 doesn't match Carolyn missed putting the interest.
- There were a lot of transfers. We put the closed CD and Property tax monies and put them into the general fund and changed one CD from a 1yr to a 6month CD.
- Still haven't received delinquent tax money, it still shows on Carolyn's report.
- Cemetery reports match. There was a lot sale and Austin Townships yearly contribution.
- Hall account- Believes that the last of the refunds are done. So there should not be any more refunds. Going to get the Hall account closed with Isabella Bank.
- Property Tax- Kenn collected a 2 year delinquent from a land bank parcel.
- Revenue sharing check went into the General Fund.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Kenn Vredenburg moves to approve Township payments checks #10310-10327, and cemetery payments supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- AMAR is 5/25
- Morley Stanwood senior class raked the cemetery and did a fantastic job.

B. Treasurer's Report

- Sandy and Carolyn went to the Mecosta County Township association meeting and listened to Shawn Kelly. He talked about how townships should be using the

Metro Acts. Shila talked about AMAR. Austin Township will have the next meeting on July 25th.

- Carolyn and Amber met today. Carolyn is going to give Amber some things that she will start working on.
- Amber will not be coming on as treasurer but will stay on as deputy. She did say that Carolyn's old deputy is interested, however she lives out of the township but is looking to move back into the township.

C. Clerk's Report

- There were 20 total votes, 12 of which were absentee.
- There are multiple meetings for the upcoming elections that I'll be attending.
- MML still missing the check that was sent in April for \$39.00
- We may need new envelopes, need more ballot bags.

D. Covid Fund

- Not sure that it has changed much. Redoing the parking lot. Do we want to do something this year or wait until next year?

E. Roads

- The Road Commission is giving more money to each township. We are unsure what that entails. Kenn asked Tom to go back and ask them to send something official. Possibly continue redoing 130th all the way to Buchannan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Billie Jean Barnes