

Austin Township Board Meeting

October 11th, 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

7:33 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

I. Public Comment

1. Tom O'neil said he brought up where the ambulance worker park at the county building at their last meeting.
2. Discussed the plans for the battery plant that's supposed to go in Big Rapids.

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve the September 13th board meeting minutes as corrected supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- All accounts match.
- Given Revenue Share graph.
- State of Michigan Refunds.
- Cemetery reports match
- Given account reconciliation reports and discussed them.
- Property tax shows what checks came in and the income that came in.
- Carolyn made a credit card transaction mistake. The taxpayer was refunded money that he was not owed, Carolyn took it out of petty cash.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve Township checks 10306 and 10419 through 10430 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.
- Kenn said we need to decide if we want to stick with Quickbooks or switch to BS&A.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Casey from Canadian Lakes emailed Kenn this afternoon with a few separate issues that Kenn is looking into. Will discuss further once Kenn has more information.
- We sold the one lot that we talked about last month.

B. Treasurer's Report

- 86% of Taxpayers have paid 94% of Summer tax dollars.
- Carolyn only wants to send out tax bills, not a newsletter. Carolyn proposes not sending out newsletters but keeping them online. Kenn asked Carolyn to see

how much traffic is on the website and facebook, he also agreed there is no need to send out a newsletter.

C. Clerk's Report

- Reminder that the November board meeting on November 15th at 7:30pm, We have an election on November 8th 2022. Terry Anderson wanted to thank everyone that worked so hard to get the roads paved.

VII. New Business

- A. MTA meeting
 - October 24th at 7pm. Big Rapids Township Hall
- B. Kenn received a message asking if the hall was available on 10/12/2022 for a small gathering before a service member goes back to Germany. Kenn asked if we were okay not charging for the hall for service members.
- C. Discussed issues that need to be fixed with the chart of accounts before next year.
- D. October is Fire Safety month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm

Billie Jean Barnes