

## Austin Township Board Meeting

March 8th, 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: Two guests present: Tom O'neil

7:58 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

### I. Public Comment

1. Tom O'neil told us there would be a Gypsie moth meeting at 6:30pm on March 30th at the Big Rapids Eagles.

### III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn moves to approve the February 8th board meeting minutes as presented, supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.

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

- All accounts match.
- Hall account- There were four reservations and one refund.
- All the money taken in for property taxes has been dispersed.
- Revenue sharing was very high compared to previous years.
- The CDARS interest was not being added each month, it will be added at the expiration of the CDARS.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

### V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- John Brockway moves to approve Township payments checks # 10259 and 10265-10278, and cemetery check #1687 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

### VI. Unfinished Business

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

- Board of Review on March 14th from 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm, and on March 16th from 1pm-4pm and 6pm-9pm.
- No new information on our current junk complaints or our road projects.
- Received a Thank you letter for fixing some of the township's roads.
- There was a 13% increase in taxable value and 20% increase in assessed value.
- There are some people in Canadian Lakes saying they are only paying \$10/month for Tri County Electric Internet.

#### B. Treasurer's Report

- Taxes are done, and balanced with the county.
- 91% of taxpayers paid 96% of summer taxes, and 87% of taxpayers paid 93% of winter taxes.

- Carolyn paid \$3 out of petty cash to balance the shortage.
- No dog licenses were sold.
- A check has been made to the general fund, we have to decide where to invest the money now.
- Went over MTA constitutional revenue sharing.

#### C. Clerk's Report

- Went over new channels charter will be adding and channels charter is removing.

#### D. Covid Fund

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

#### E. Roads

- Bids should come in next week, and will go over them next month.

### VII. New Business

#### A. Xerox Contract

- Carolyn gave us a handout to look over for pros/cons for the new contract.

#### B. Charter Contract

- Sandra Mayo made a motion to give Kenneth Vredenburg the authority to sign the Charter contract upon further review, supported by Billie Jean Barnes. Motion carries.

#### C. Hall Rules

- The township board discussed the need to update our hall rental policy.
- Billie Jean Barnes made a motion to charge \$100/rental without a deposit, starting April 1st. If any damage occurs over \$100 the renter will be held liable for the costs to fix damages. Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carries.

#### D. Tinker Pete cemetery mowing costs

- We discussed the need to increase the amount that is paid to Tinker Pete for cemetery mowing.
- Kenneth Vredenburg makes a motion to increase the amount paid per mowing \$20. Supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm

Billie Jean Barnes