

## Austin Township Board Meeting

November 15th, 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

7:36 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

### I. Public Comment

1. Kenn asked Tom if it was true if there was a new trustee in Mecosta township, Tom said he was unsure.

### III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve the October 11th board meeting minutes supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.

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

- All accounts match.
- Income received was interest this month.
- Rolled over Mercantile CD 8405 for 6 months at .64%, we also renewed the CDARS for 1 year at 1.9%, Mercantile 9275 rolled into an 18 month CD 3.2%.
- Cemetery reports match
- Given account reconciliation reports and discussed them.
- Property tax shows what checks went out and the income that came in.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

### V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve Township checks 10430 through 10450 and cemetery check# 1702 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

### VI. Unfinished Business

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

- Board of review on December 13th, this is appointment year, everyone will need to be sworn in.
- Hall renter is supposed to put money in the drop box for upcoming rental..

#### B. Treasurer's Report

- 87% of Taxpayers have paid 94% of tax dollars.
- Carolyn went to the Mecosta County Township Association meeting. The presentation was given by "The Right Place". This is the agency that is drawing business attractions to our area. Basically she explained what they do as our Economic Development agency.

- They were supposed to have Tim Nestle there, but he was unable to attend the meeting.
- Discussed what others said at the meeting.
- Carolyn gave a tax distribution snap shot so we can see where the money goes.

#### C. Clerk's Report

- Ballot Dropbox- went over requirements
- Election
- Election computer
- Election source
- Number of voters- 715
- Poll booths
- Postage meter- Kenn not against it but apprehensive. How much would we mail out?

#### VII. New Business

##### A. Brining

- Kenn sent us the contract to go over. Kenn suggested going with Michigan Chloride, with the two applications.
- Kenn Makes a motion to enter into a contract with Michigan Chloride for two brinings for 2,000 gallons. Carolyn seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Passed.

##### C.Roads

- What roads would we like to see done? Sandy suggested working on 8 miles and Kenn suggested 155th south towards 6 miles and possibly 12 miles. How much money do we want to put toward roads?

##### D. Public hearing

- There is a public meeting December 27th to change the status of 8 mile Rd west of 140th to seasonal.

##### E. Xerox contract

- Carolyn was sent paperwork, if you join the MIdeal you get copies cheaper but there is an upfront fee. Discussed the pros and cons. At this time we are not going to commit to it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm

Billie Jean Barnes