

Austin Township Board Meeting

December 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 gave us information on Mecosta County Parks.
2. Discussed the car battery plant that may come to Big Rapids.

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve the November 15th board meeting minutes supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.
- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve the Public Accuracy Test from 7/15/2022, 10/21/2022 and 10/11/2022 election commission meeting.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- All accounts match.
- Income received was revenue sharing, hall rentals, charter communications
- We closed out a mercantile CD and rolled it into a new one.
- Cemetery reports match
- Three cemetery lot sales
- 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 10452 through 10466 and cemetery check# 1703 and 1704 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- The brining dates have not been finalized.
- Kenneth Vredenburg moves to make a motion to have James Hoisington , Gloria Parker, Ron Jensen as Board of Review members for the next two years, supported by Carolyn Towsley. Motion carried.
- Kenn has heard back from all the companies about the hall parking lot but doesn't have a quote from anyone yet.

B. Treasurer's Report

- 90% of Taxpayers have paid 95% of Summer tax dollars. 15% of Taxpayers have paid 7.5% of Winter Tax dollars.
- Carolyn went through all of the delinquent taxes and sent out notices to taxpayers and is receiving payments.

- The Boysville of MI owns a lot in Canadian Lakes, they will not be using checks and would like to set up ACH payments. Carolyn let them know we cannot take ACH payments.

C. Clerk's Report

- Mecosta County Sheriff's department sent a Christmas card.
- We have been selected to take a Postal service Survey

D. Xerox Machine

- We decided not to go with a contract through xerox. We can purchase the machine outright we have now, buy a new printer (black and white) or we can purchase a colored printer, we can leave it as is and pay monthly.

Kenn makes a motion to purchase our current printer outright for \$150.00, Supported by Carolyn Towsley. Motion carried.

VII. New Business

A. Mecosta County Development Corporation Representation

- How much commitment do we want to have in the Mecosta County Development? What can they do to help us? Carolyn is part of the board, is it worth committing financially? As for now Carolyn will stay on the Board and represent Austin Township but, if committing Financially becomes a requirement we will discuss our commitment at that time.
- Carolyn gave a report on what they are working on.

B. Budget Amendments

- We did not budget for the Federal Grants coming in. Make a budget amendment to add 528 Federal Grants in the amount of \$83,122.10.
Kenn Vredenburg made a motion to amend the budget to add Fed Grant 528, supported by Carolyn Towsley.

Roll Call Vote:

Sandy Mayo-Yes John Brockway-Yes
Carolyn Towsley- Yes Billie Barnes-Yes
Kenn Vredenburg- Yes
Motion Carries

D. ChromeBooks

- Are we still interested in getting a chrome book? Carolyn has researched some Chromebooks. This would be the alternative to printing all of the paperwork. At this time we will not pursue it.

E. Property Foreclosure

- Kenn Vredenburg makes a motion to decline any state foreclosures, Supported by Carolyn Towsley. Motion Carries

F. Roads

- The road commission is asking what road projects we will be doing this year. We discussed it and are deciding to hold off on all road projects. Kenn will let them know at the next board meeting.
- Carolyn has asked to verify the speed limit on pierce rd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm
Billie Jean Barnes