

## Austin Township Board Meeting

January 10th, 2023

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, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo.

Guests Present: One guest present: Tom O'neil, Joe Liszzo, Tom Frieberg and Stephanie Mcneal.

7:32 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

### I. Public Comment

1. Tom and Stephanie from Morton Township recreation development. They are here to discuss grant money that's available for roadside trails. If you apply for the grant the township could get up to \$25,000 in grant money. They also gave a handout of what they have already done in Morton Township, and what they plan to do. If we are interested in applying for the grant.
2. Tom O'neil, they elected new Chairman Jerilynn Sue and Vice Chairman Raymond Stanke, also discussed the meeting dates. Kenn asked Tom about MOTA needing a special election. Tom is going to ask. Kenn asked where we are at with a building inspector? Tom isn't sure.

### III. Approval of minutes

- Sandy Mayo moves to approve the November 15th board meeting minutes supported by Billie Jean Barnes, motion carried.

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

- All accounts match.
- 3 Hall Rentals
- Carolyn paid the township back for a new phone case
- Nothing new with CDS
- Cemetery account match
- Property tax checks going through.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

### V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills,

- Kenn Vredenburg moves to approve Township checks 10467 through 10480 and cemetery check# 1706 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

### VI. Unfinished Business

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

- The Road Commission officially made 8 Mile from 8/10ths of a mile west of 140th to 155th ave seasonal. Kenn told them we were going to save our money on road projects and we were going to MCL for brining this year.

#### B. Treasurer's Report

- 43% of the taxpayers have paid 30% of winter taxes.

#### C. Clerk's Report

- We could possibly have a May election, looking at drop box requirements.
- Mecosta Conservation Backyard Apple Tree Pruning Demonstration on March 10th from 3pm-5pm in Remus.

#### VII. New Business

##### A. Morton Township Proposal

- Kenn discussed the proposal from Morton Township. The board is going to table it for a month.

##### B. Bike Path

- Kenn is going to work with Joe to apply for the grant.

##### 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