

Austin Township Board Meeting

September 14th, 2021

The Austin Township board meeting was called to order by Clerk Billie Jean Barnes at the Township Hall at 14132 Pierce Rd, Stanwood, MI 49346.

Board members present: Billie Jean Barnes, Carolyn Towsley, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo, Kenneth Vredenburg Virtually using zoom.

Guests Present: Tom O'neil, Stephanie McNeal and Joe Lisuzzo

7:39 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

I. Public Comment

1. Tom O'Neil presented the board with one of many letters he has received from constituents. The letter said that people are demanding the Board of Commissioners do everything in their power to ban mandatory vaccines and vaccine passports.

The Austin Township Board discussed this matter with Tom and he said he and other commissioners have received multiple letters, the letters all demanded the same thing.

2. Carolyn Towsley asked Tom if he was aware if they were going to be trying for another milage. Tom said he was not sure one way or another and if they were they would be doing that by themselves.

III. Approval of minutes

- Sandra Mayo moves to approve the August 10th board meeting minutes as presented, supported by John Brockway. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund reports match.
- Carolyn added the State of MI withholding tax but they do not come out until the 15th so we off that amount but match if we take it off.
- Charter Communication Franchise fees were received.
- Cemetery reports do not match, there was a Consumers bill that was added twice.
- Hall account - No activity
- Property tax, a lot of tax collections were taken in and checks have been issued.
- Sandra Mayo wanted clarification on the refund to the Ministrelli,s. Carolyn let her know it was a tax payment refund.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills

- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township payment checks # 10155-10176, and cemetery payment checks # 1680-1681 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Canadian Lakes Lot sale is at the title office waiting for Kenn Vredenburgs signature.
- Carolyn Towsley makes a motion to give Kenneth Vredenburg authority to sell any 2021 Canadian Lakes foreclosed properties. Supported by Sandra Mayo.

Roll call Vote

JB: Yes SM: Yes

CT: Yes BB: Yes

Motion Carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

- Collected a lot of tax money and took in quite a few credit card charges.

C. Clerk's Report

- Shared concerns for vaccine mandates and vaccine passports.

VII. New Business

- Morton Township - Joe Lisuzzo presented information for a biking/walking trail along Pierce RD. If this project is something we would like to join in on the trail project, the project would begin in the next 2-3 years and be done by the Mecosta County Road Commission. For more information please go to www.austintownship.org.
- Canadian Lakes Lots- Canadian Lakes Lot sale is at the title office waiting for Kenn Vredenburgs signature.

Carolyn Towsley makes a motion to give Kenneth Vredenburg authority to sell any 2021 Canadian Lakes foreclosed properties. Supported by Sandra Mayo.

Roll call Vote

JB: Yes SM: Yes

CT: Yes BB: Yes

Motion Carried.

- NEU Status- CLFRF has been approved, awaiting the first payment. Carolyn Towsley said she would like to open a new

account for only that CLFRF until it's decided what we would like to do with it.

D. Conflict of Interest Policy- Tabled until next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Billie Jean Barnes