

Austin Township Board Meeting

June 13th, 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, Carolyn Towsley, Billie Jean Barnes, John Brockway and Sandra Mayo.

Guests Present: One guest present: Tom O'neil

7:41 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

I. Public Comment

1. Tom says they are getting ready to distribute the marijuana money. The road commission is asking for money for their brine program. Tom asked if we would switch back to them? Kenn discussed his concerns with the road commissions quality of brine and their punctuality getting our roads done in a timely fashion. Board members asked questions about the current brine program.
2. Kenn and Tom discussed the Gotion project.

III. Approval of minutes

- Kenn Vredenburg moves to approve the May 9th board meeting minutes as corrected, supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- Accounts balance, we are working on figuring out CD 5240, interest.
- Carolyn went over the income that the township received.
- We have started getting 4% interest on CD 5240 and our savings account.
- Cemetery account balances
- Austin and Mecosta township both made their yearly contribution to the cemetery
- We were given a copy of the current revenue share graph.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills,

- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township checks 10548 through 10567, five direct deposits and cemetery checks 1713 through 1714 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.
- There was a question on the invoice from MCL, Billie sent a follow-up email.
- There will be one more check from the general Fund for equalization.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Kenn heard from the Canadian Lakes attorney. There is a court order for this property to clean the lot.
- Cement work has been completed for the entryway into the township hall.
- Pausing the hall rentals for July and August.

B. Treasurer's Report

- N/A

C. Clerk's Report

- Still did not get a catalog for the absentee ballot drop box
- Discussed the pre-paid postage, now required for all return absentee applications and ballots.

VII. New Business

- A. Kenn is going to have a meeting with Jordan from Verizon on Wednesday to go over our account.
- B. Kenn asked the board about meeting with Colfax Township to see if they would like to piggyback off of us about brining 12 miles when we brine our roads. Although 12 mile is Colfax Township's responsibility, Kenn thinks this may be a good way to help another township and our community members.
- C. We discussed the LCSA check that Carolyn received.
- D. Treasurer hours- Discussed the collecting options, if the township parking lot is getting re-done.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Billie Jean Barnes

Austin Township Clerk