

## Austin Township Board Meeting

May 9th, 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: Denise Moore

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

### I. Public Comment

1. Denise Moore handed out information from the Mid-Michigan Community Action. She discussed some of the programs that they offer. They work with the Commission on Aging and can help most seniors. The weatherization grants are free of charge; they do windows, doors, insulation and many other things to make homes more efficient. There will be a neighborhood meeting held at Big Rapids Michigan Works on June 21st 2023, at 6pm. She did let us know that there is not any more money available to help with rent in Mecosta County.

### III. Approval of minutes

- Kenn Vredenburg moves to approve the April 11th board meeting minutes, supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.

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

- All accounts balance
- Transferred the property tax money from the general fund to CD 5240.
- Rolled over the Mercantile 8405 for 180 days
- Cemetery account balances
- Property tax account gained a little bit of interest.
- subject to audit. Motion Carried.

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

- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township checks 10534 through 10547, five direct deposits and cemetery checks 1709 through 1712 (1710 voided) supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

### VI. Unfinished Business

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

- Kenn was able to get a hold of Greg about the junk complaint and was told the county was pursuing it now.
- Our first brine was started today and will get finished in a few days. One of the drivers went into the ditch.
- Kenn said there is a possibility we will need to replace the water tank at the cemetery.
- Discussed what's been happening with the Gotion Project.

#### B. Treasurer's Report

- The paperwork was filed for the covid grant.

- Carolyn went over the newsletter with us.
- Carolyn received the delinquent taxes money and has deposited it.

C. Clerk's Report

- Kenn makes a motion to pay Sandy Carey for her quickbooks help. Supported by Sandra Mayo.
- Discussed the work done on quickbooks to balance accounts.
- MOTA and Morley Stanwood Community Schools have proposals and we will have an election on August 8th.
- We are waiting on the catalog for ballot drop boxes/security cameras.
- Do we need to have a security camera policy?
- We received a FOIA request for the 2020 Presidential election.

VII. New Business

D. Township Hall parking lot Bid

- Kenn makes a motion to have Bob parker to the concrete under the lean to for \$5,860. Supported by John Brockway. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Billie Jean Barnes