

Austin Township Board Meeting

July 11th, 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.

Guests Present: One guest present: Jonas Mast

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

I. Public Comment

1. N/A

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve the June 13th board meeting minutes as presented supported by John Brockway, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- Accounts balance
- Transferred local stabilization money into savings account
- Cemetery account balances
- Property tax, no activity except interest.
- Subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills,

- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township checks 10568 through 10581, four direct deposits and cemetery checks 1715 through 1717 supported by Kenn Vredenburg. 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 gave us an update on the parking lot project.
- July board of review on Tuesday July 18th.
- Canadian Lakes junk complaint, is having forward momentum.

B. Treasurer's Report

- 7% of Taxpayers have paid 4% of Summer taxes. Collection is low right now.

C. Clerk's Report

- Looked over the ballot drop boxes and
- Discussed the pre-paid postage, now required for all return absentee applications and ballots.
- Carolyn Towsley makes a motion to approve an election computer up to \$1,500, supported by John Brockway.

Roll Call

John Brockway: yes Billie Jean Barnes- yes

Carolyn Towsley- yes Kenn Vredenburg- yes

D. Verizon

- Verizon upgraded us to a Government account and we received a little discount. We combined all accounts, so we will only receive one bill from now on.

VII. New Business

- A. Snow Plowing- tabled until further notice.
- B. Carolyn's deputy is not able to fulfill her duties. Carolyn is looking for a new deputy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Billie Jean Barnes

Austin Township Clerk