

Austin Township Board Meeting

September 12th, 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, Sandra Mayo and, John Brockway.

Guests Present: Two guests present: Tom O'neil and Ken Lind

7:35 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

I. Public Comment

1. Tom said that the county will reimburse for road brining next year.
2. Ken Lind discussed ordinances for solar panels and windmills, and what to do if we hear of any of these industries coming to our area to call him immediately. He also discussed our new camera system and elections.

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve the August 15th board meeting minutes, as corrected. supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- General Fund and Cemetery Accounts balance
- Income received from Charter and hall rentals.
- Transferred money to pay for parking lot work
- Distributed checks from property tax money.
- Subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills,

- Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township checks 10599 through 10607, five direct deposits, cemetery checks 1720 through 1721 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Checked on the Canadian Lakes junk complaint, still in progress.
- Tom Kunse reached out to Kenn and said he may stop by one of our board meetings.
- Cameras are working well. Kenn is figuring out how to work everything.

B. Treasurer's Report

- 68% of Taxpayers have paid 77.5% of taxes owed.
- Carolyn found a new deputy, Laureen Brockway was sworn in on 8/31/2023.

C. Clerk's Report

- Discussed adding Lauries Hall cleaning pay to her employee pay instead of keeping it as a vendor pay.

VII. New Business

- A. Quickbooks v.s. BS&A- Discussed the cost/value of both programs and the information that Doug gave during the audit.
- B. L0429- Kenn and Billie have to sign the paperwork.

- C. AMAR- Carolyn told us that the way the audit is being done is going to change. Kenn needs to show the board how he figures out the value. We will not be audited until 2027.
- D. Elections- Discussed keeping early voting in Austin Township v.s. Having the county hold early elections for our township.

Carolyn Towsley moves Austin Township coordinates Early voting at the Austin Township Hall, supported by John Brockway. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Billie Jean Barnes

Austin Township Clerk