

Austin Township Board Meeting

August 15th, 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 (arrived late) and, John Brockway.

Guests Present: Two guests present: Tom O'neil and Jonas Mast

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

I. Public Comment

1. Tom talked about Consumers and Dams.

III. Approval of minutes

- Carolyn Towsley moves to approve the July 11th board meeting minutes, Election commission meeting minutes and Public accuracy test minutes as presented supported by Sandra Mayo, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- Accounts balance
- Discussed revenue sharing
- There was a Cemetery lot sale.
- Carolyn gave a property tax report, it showed all money in and all money out.
- Subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills,

- John Brockway moved to approve Township checks 10582 through 10597, we will add check 10597 through 10599, four direct deposits cemetery checks 1718 through 1719 supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- The AC was repaired. It will need to be replaced, Kenn said we should hold off and replace it at a later date.
- We may get a bill for about 1.5 miles of brining.
- Canadian Lakes is working on cleaning up the current junk junk complaint,

B. Treasurer's Report

- 32% of Taxpayers have paid 33.5% of taxes.
- Carolyn has received requests for adding addiction help to our website.
- Carolyn went to a meeting they discussed, audits, HHW, and how the Marijuana money was distributed.
- Carolyn discussed the Treasurer's quickbooks. Can we add more companies to our online quickbooks, what is the cost?

Carolyn Towsley moved to extend AT&Ts metro act through 12/31/2028, supported by Billie Jean Barnes

Roll call vote:

John Brockway- yes
Carolyn Towsley- yes
Billie Jean Barnes- yes
Kenn Vredenberg- yes

Motion carries

C. Clerk's Report

- Discussed what was ordered for a ballot drop box.
- Gave update on new early voting information.

VII. New Business

A. Cemetery

The cemetery needs a new well. We will split the well with Mecosta Township.

Kenn Vredenberg made a motion to replace the well at the cemetery; we will split the cost with Mecosta Township. We will take our portion out of the general fund. Supported by Carolyn Towsley.

Roll call vote:

John Brockway- yes
Carolyn Towsley- yes
Billie Jean Barnes- yes
Kenn Vredenberg- yes

Motion carries

B. Security Cameras

Discussed quote from Statewide Security Systems for cameras and installation for \$2,400.00.

Billie Jean Barnes made a motion to have Statewide Security System install 4 cameras, contingent on them providing their proof of insurance. Supported by John Brockway.

Roll call vote

John Brockway- yes
Carolyn Towsley- yes
Billie Jean Barnes- yes

Motion carries

C. Kenn Vredenburg makes a motion to move \$75,000 from account 925-other and put it in 265-971, supported by Carolyn Towsley.

Roll call vote:

John Brockway- yes
Carolyn Towsley- yes
Billie Jean Barnes- yes
Kenn Vredenberg- yes

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Billie Jean Barnes

Austin Township Clerk