

Austin Township Board Meeting

November 14th, 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 at 7:43 p.m.

Board members present: Kenneth Vredenburg, Carolyn Towsley, Billie Jean Barnes, Sandra Mayo and John Brockway.

Guests Present: No guests present:

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

1. Public Comment
 - a. N/A
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. John Brockway moved to approve the October 11th board meeting minutes, as presented. Supported by Sandra Mayo and John Brockway, motion carried.
3. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports
 - a. General Fund and Cemetery Accounts balance
 - b. Carolyn rolled over two Cedars and we received interest payments for those.
 - c. Cemetery had a lot-sale.
 - d. Property Tax took in money and paid money out.
 - e. Subject to audit. Motion Carried.
4. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills,
 - a. Carolyn Towsley moved to approve Township checks 10619 through 10625. Five direct deposits and cemetery check 1724, supported by Sandra Mayo. Motion carried.
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Assessor's and Supervisors Report
 - i. Consumer price index put out by the state is 5.1% this year.
 - ii. Blood drive on 12/19/2023.
 - iii. Kenn went over the planning commission and the upcoming dates and topics. Carolyn has discussed concerns she has about the planning commission. Kenn will be putting together a letter opposing.
 - iv. Kenn discussed the money spent on our fire coverage with Morton Township. Kenn discussed purchasing an item that would benefit the Morton TWP fire department and the community the fire department serves.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. 86% of Taxpayers have paid 93% of taxes owed.
 - ii. Carolyn discussed issues with quickbooks and discussed some ideas to resolve the issues she is having.
 - c. Clerk's Report
 - i. Discussed early voting, and supplies needed for it. Billie Jean will be looking for supplies and ordering them in the near future.
 - d. Roads
 - i. Kenn discussed the price for the brining, we will talk more about it next month.
 - ii. Are there any roads that we need to look at getting fixed next year?
 - a. Discussed paving Austin Township's section of 12 Mile Road, and seeing if Colfax Township would be open to paving their section..

- b. Discussed the possibility of paving 9 mile Rd. Is there a need? We will discuss more in the future.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Township Needs
 - i. Do we want to update chairs and tables? We could rent old ones?
 - ii. Discussed plowing, Cody Barnes will plow the Townships parking lot.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Billie Jean Barnes

Austin Township Clerk