

Austin Township Board Meeting

February 13th, 2024

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 7:38 p.m.

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

Guests Present: One guest present: Neil Frye

7:42 p.m. Call to order - Pledge of allegiance

I. Public Comment

1. N/A

III. Approval of minutes

- Kenn Vredenburg moved to approve the January 9th board meeting minutes, with spelling errors fixed. Supported by Carolyn Towsley, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Township and Cemetery Reports

- Clerk and Treasurers General fund reports do not match. Carolyn and Billie Jean are working together to fix the errors.
- Cemetery accounts balance
- Carolyn discussed the revenue sharing chart
- There were two hall rentals
- Received reimbursement from Mecosta County Road Commission
- Carolyn went over the cemetery reports, property tax accounts, and the credit card machine.
- Subject to audit. Motion Carried.

V. Payment of Township and Cemetery Bills,

- Kenn Vredenburg moved to approve payment of township checks 10647 through 10656, five direct deposits, and cemetery electronic payment to Consumers Power, supported by John Brockway. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Assessor's and Supervisors Report

- Kenn went over the L-4022 report
- The junk complaint in Canadian Lakes continues to be on-going.
- BOR is March 11 and 13th
- Kenn reported that Colfax Township does not want to go in on the brining of their portion of 12 mile.

B. Treasurer's Report

- 90% of taxpayers have paid 95% of summer taxes
- 75% of taxpayers have paid 84% of winter taxes

C. Clerk's Report

- Billie Jean went over a new program that protects certain voters' identities.
- The public test will be held on 2/12/2024
- EV 2/17/2024 through 2/25/2024
- Kenn installed the absentee ballot drop box.

D. Budget

- Kenn asked question for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget and made changes to the 2024-2025 budget

VII. New Business

- A. 8 mile tree trimming- Residents are upset that there are so many trees being trimmed on 8 mile. They don't feel that it's necessary for so many to be trimmed. Kenn gave them the dates to our township board meeting and the road commission meeting dates.
- B. Township Association- Kenn was re-appointed for the tax allocation board.
- C. Ax the tax- The group that put this together is trying to gather enough signatures to put this issue on the ballot this fall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Billie Jean Barnes

Austin Township Clerk