

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
February 18, 2025
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held February 18th, 2025, at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 P.M. by Clerk Shellie Reed. Those present were Clerk Shellie Reed; Trustees Georgia Green and Becky Brandt; Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Public present was Bruce Compton and Josh Koonce. Supervisor Julie Osborn, Trustees Amy Wertheim and Chuck Van Hoorn were absent.

Clerk Reed asked for a volunteer to be Pro Tem Chairman in the absence of Supervisor Osborn. Trustee Brandt volunteered.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pro Tem Chairman Brandt.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Due to lack of quorum, the minutes from the January meeting will be approved at the March meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Clerk Reed reported the Multi-Township Board signed a contract with Moe Weston, who is a retired assessor from Logan County. Mr. Weston will be a contract employee of the Atlanta-Oran Multi-Township Board from January 1 – December 31, 2025. At the end of the year, a review will be made to determine continuing the arrangement for future. Mr. Weston will be working for East Lincoln Township as well and the two groups agreed to split the continuing education costs for Mr. Weston.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Electronic Recycling Company has reached out for 2025 interest. The City of Atlanta will be discussing it tonight at the City Council meeting. There are dates available in April except Easter weekend, however, March, May and June are available. Discussion was held on, if the City is willing to do it again, scheduling it for March 29 so it does not get too hot. Clerk Reed will wait to hear from Mayor McVey and then reach out to the Recycling Company.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported he pushed snow as needed and started working on a ditch on 1975th Avenue which requires cleaning out but it is too frozen right now; the truck was having issues so was taken for repairs.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: On January 16 she met with Adams Memorials representative Zach Lawson to view the damage to the cemetery. Zach said until we are able to lift the stones up, he cannot give a definitive idea of damage to each stone. Zach said a ball park figure would be \$750 a piece for big stones with damage. Since there are several companies who have offered assistance, Zach suggested to have one day when all can come together to help. As of right now, the count is 28 stones damaged with 8 sets of vases. There are 5 burials pending with 2 scheduled and 3 on hold due to weather; the Betterment Fund application was received and it will be completed asking for the \$500.00 received in the past to aid with fixing old stones needing repairs.

Cemetery Manager Brooks said she and Clerk Reed had gone through old Ladies Cemetery Association Records and discovered there did used to be insurance. However, after calling MIA and speaking to Lance Leesman, it appears it was liability insurance only. A discussion was held on potential insurance companies that would cover vandalism or damage to stones. Cemetery Manager Brooks will research it.

OLD BUSINESS: New Windows: Highway Commissioner Green said he had nothing new to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential Budget for 2025-2026 – Clerk Reed distributed a copy of the potential budget based on spending as of now and current budget. Discussion was held on various items which should be considered for March Budget Proposal.

FINANCIAL REPORT & PAYING OF BILLS: Due to lack of quorum, the financial reports cannot be approved until March meeting. .

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

Pro Tem Chairman Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk