

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
April 8, 2025
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held April 8th, 2025, at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M. by Supervisor Julie Osborn. Those present were Supervisor Julie Osborn; Clerk Shellie Reed; Trustees Georgia Green, Amy Wertheim, Chuck Van Hoorn and Becky Brandt and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Public present was Bruce Compton, Josh Koonce, Harold Green and Martha Green. Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Brandt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Van Hoorn seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn reported on the Logan County Township Officials dinner which was held Monday, March 10 and attended by herself, Clerk Shellie Reed, Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks and Randy Brooks. Senator Turner gave a brief speech and the next meeting will be hosted by Chester Township in 2026.

CLERK'S REPORT: Electronic Recycling Day was held Saturday, March 29 from 9 am – 12 pm with the City of Atlanta. Approximately 60 vehicles went through with 2,404 pounds of recycling materials turned in. The turn-out may have been affected by the weather and it being spring break. Clerk Reed suggested we consider doing it every other year for future.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported the following: the ditch 1975th street was cleaned out; and riprap was put down on the roadside to keep the road from eroding; a little bridge work was done on the same road; on 2500th street a beaver dam had been built and it was cleaned it out; a bridge marker was replaced; 2400th street had a hole needing filling in and it has been patched until a new culvert can be placed; the snow plows have been removed from the trucks; all the gravel roads have been graded after the rains; a second beaver dam was found on 1975th street and it has been cleaned out.

The Illinois Department of Labor called and came and did an audit. Approximately an hour was spent with him and 3 violations were received. A personal protection hazard assessment needs to be completed and submitted; the fire extinguishers had not been inspected since 2015 and were still good but need to be done annually; and 2 receptacle covers had broken and needed replacing which has been done and photos sent to him. The fire extinguishers have been taken care by Getz. There are a total of 5 which needed replacing and they have been replaced. The official letter has not been received yet, but he is trying to get the three violations fixed prior to that being done. There were additional recommendations which need to be done before the next inspection such as light up exit signs over all the doors need to be put up; light fixtures need replacing in truck shed to LED; the light over the sink needs replaced; the upstairs has a plug-in needs to be maintained; the stair rail needs work done as it does not meet inspection; the breaker box needs 30" clearance; and a few other items. Getz has now placed us on an annual inspection list and will charge \$7 to do the extinguishers and \$50 for inspection.

Additionally, there is a bill in the State Legislature requiring all government public buildings to have an AED, which would include us. If it passes, we will have to purchase one and figure out where to keep it.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks was absent but left the following report for review: for the 2024 year, there were 18 burials, 12 traditional and 6 cremations; 6 burial spaces were sold; December 28, 2024, the Atlanta Cemetery was vandalized. As of now, all stones have been reset on their foundations. Photos of the stones were distributed – 25 total. There are 8 with damaged or missing vases which have not been repaired and it will be up to the families to do so. Almost all families with damaged or missing vases have been contacted.

March 11, the April 1 Cemetery Clean Up flier was posted and Allen Adams requested we change it to March 15 in future in case he needs to start mowing earlier than April 1; March 11 and 12, a crew from Dena Memorials reset monuments and an invoice was received for \$1,500; March 18, a donation of \$500 was received from Susan Hoblit and a thank you note has been sent; March advisory meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum; March 19 the cremation burial of Mary Bammann was held; April 1, a military marker order form for George Dyer was signed at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home; April 12, the cremation burial of Sadie Atchison will take place; 5 new burial cards were done; and one monument was marked for Manley Memorials.

OLD BUSINESS: New Windows: Highway Commissioner Green requested to table this item.

Budget for 2025-2026 – no public comments have been received from posting of the proposed budget for either Atlanta Township or Atlanta Road and Bridge District. Trustee Brandt made a motion to approve the budget for 2025-2026 for Atlanta Township. Trustee Van Hoorn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and the 2025-2026 Atlanta Township Budget was approved.

Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to approve the budget for 2025-2026 for Atlanta Road and Bridge District. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and the 2025-2026 Atlanta Road and Bridge District Budget was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Township Resolution Against Consolidation: Supervisor Osborn explained the resolution is to be sent to the State Legislature expressing our opposition to the consolidation of township government into the county government as it will be detrimental to the residents of the township. Trustee Brandt made a motion to approve the Resolution Against Consolidation of Township Government with County Government. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to submit the signed resolutions against consolidation.

FINANCIAL REPORT & PAYING OF BILLS: Board members reviewed the bills to be paid for April. Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to approve the financial report and paying of bills for April. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and the April financial report was approved and bills authorized for paying.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: A discussion was held on the Co2 Pipeline.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk