

**Atlanta Township**  
**301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723**  
**August 8, 2023**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held August 8th, 2023, at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Supervisor Julie Osborn. Those present were Supervisor Julie Osborn; Clerk Shellie Reed; Trustees Amy Wertheim, Georgia Green, Chuck Van Hoorn and Becky Brandt; Highway Commissioner Wes Green and Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks. The guests present were Shelly Buettner, Laura Coleman, Martha Green and John Adams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** John Adams presented information on the Coalition Against CO2 Pipelines and requested the Township Board issue a resolution against the pipeline. John believes the resolutions by the various townships will help get the Logan County Board to do something. John presented sample resolutions/ordinances from two different townships for review. A CO2 pipeline is being proposed to run through the township from Iowa to Decatur's ADM plant. There is concern over the possibility of eminent domain being used as well as the safety of the pipeline. The group is working with another group called Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines.

Supervisor Osborn announced we received a letter from the pipeline company requesting contact information for the tenants of the cemetery. Everyone within a 1/2 mile of the pipeline must be notified and as owners of the cemetery, the Township Board received a letter. Supervisor Osborn thanked the group for their presentation and said the board will consider issuing a resolution.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting as presented.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Osborn reported the following: The Atlanta Fall Festival is September 8 – 10 with a parade on the 10<sup>th</sup> and inquired if there was interest in doing a float for the Township. She also reported the computer is not working and a part has been ordered to repair it, it is believed to be the power source which goes into the computer from the outlet.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Reed reported the following: The new Certificate of Deposit created in June matures in September and a decision will need to be made on how to invest it.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Highway Commissioner Green reported the following: sealcoats been completed; concern was expressed over the speed of the drivers with the rock in the trucks for the sealcoating as rocks are flying out; a hole on 2200<sup>th</sup> Street was fixed which was about 6" wide and deep enough for him to stand in and not reach top.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: On July 13 - McLean County Asphalt completed the repairs on the cemetery roads; July 27th two spaces were sold; August 7 one space was sold; obituaries have been recorded for future burials; one marking was done for Adams Memorials and one for Pontiac Granite; 50 burial cards and 20 brochures have been printed; Al put the padlock and the reflective tape on the new barricades; a complaint was received from a family about a stone which was moved on its apron; concern from a family was received over a small marker being moved to dig a grave.

Columbarium - the advisory board decided to back off and do more restoration of monuments and possibly tree repairs first; there is concern over funds for columbarium versus repairs of trees and stones first.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cemetery stone repairs – the budget is \$1,000 for stone repair but the Betterment Fund has not given money this year. A suggestion was made to have the advisory committee look at stones and make a list for repair anyway since we have the money.

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

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** Discussion was held on possibly creating a resolution on the CO2 pipeline or hosting an informational meeting, perhaps with City of Atlanta and Eminence Townships. Discussion on the resolution will be done at a later meeting.

Cemetery Manager Brooks announced the August cemetery advisory meeting is cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed  
Atlanta Township Clerk