

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
July 11, 2023
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held July 11th, 2023 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 Amy Wertheim, Georgia Green, and Becky Brandt and Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks. Trustee Chuck Van Hoorn and Highway Commissioner Wes Green were absent. The guest present was Shelly Buettner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Brandt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn reported the following: The bulletin boards have been purchased and are in the office waiting to be put up.

Randy's Tree Service has taken down a tree at the cemetery damaged in the recent storms. A claim has been filed with TOIRMA and we should receive complete reimbursement per our policy. Cemetery Manager Brooks passed around photos of the damage.

The Safety Deposit Box has been cleaned out at The Atlanta National Bank and all items are in the safe in the office for future examination on what needs to be kept.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Reed reported the following: Quarterly budget reports were distributed for review. No comments were made.

The CD interest rate discussed at the June meeting being offered by Busey Bank was researched and public funds are not eligible for the rate. The new CD for 3 months has been established at The Atlanta National Bank and further discussion will be needed at maturity.

The e-recycling bill has been received and the City of Atlanta has been billed for their share.

We have been informed the website currently provided by TOI is being discontinued. A company run by a former Township Supervisor is offering services, however, after reviewing the pricing, it is recommended to look at other options. Paying \$79.99 a month seems a bit excessive. Trustee Wertheim suggested checking into Wix. Clerk Reed said she and Supervisor Osborn will look at options to present at a future meeting. The deadline is October 31.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Trustee Green made a report on behalf of Highway Commissioner Green and reported the following: several trees had to be trimmed and moved off roads after the recent storms and spray patching has begun and will continue the next few weeks.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: June 14 there was an ashes burial for Ike Varboncoeur; 4 spaces were sold in June; several burial cards have been updated with assistance from Laverne who goes out of her way to update and research information; the restoration of stones from last year's repair list has been completed.

Per the Township Board request, the Cemetery Advisory Board went to the cemetery to look at options for a columbarium. It is recommended to obtain additional suggestions from other companies – there are 3 possible locations, but all have positive and negative issues. Discussion was held and the agreement was made for the Cemetery Advisory Board should call a few more companies and report back.

Trustee Green mentioned she felt the new barricades should have reflective tape on them as they are black, and she thought there are safety requirements for barricades. Cemetery Manager Brooks will investigate it.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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 Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Trustee Van Hoorn was absent. The motion carried and bills were authorized for payment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Trustee Brandt said the CO2 pipeline may need to be discussed at a meeting. Discussion will be held at a future date as more information is known.

Trustee Wertheim expressed concern over damage to the parking area from the recycling dumpster. Clerk Reed will call to request it be moved back to original spot and forward photos of issues.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk