

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
November 14, 2023
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held November 14th, 2023, at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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; Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Public present was John and Sue Adams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the October 11, 2023, 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 October 11, 2023 meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn presented the revised proposed CO2 Resolution for review. Discussion was held on the changes including sequestration. Trustee Brandt made a motion to adopt the resolution opposing CO2 Pipelines or CO2 Sequestration in Atlanta Township. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to adopt the resolution opposing CO2 Pipelines or CO2 Sequestration in Atlanta Township. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the Logan County Board and Illinois Commerce Commission.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Reed reported the new township website is up and running – atlantailinoistownship.org as the TOI administered site will be inactivated as of December 31. Clerk Reed also mentioned the idea of switching internet and phone service to be more affordable and within the needs of the board as we are not using the service enough to pay \$124.99 a month. She will keep researching for other options.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported the following: roadsides have been mowed as needed; four days were spent trimming trees; a new stop sign is up on 2350th street which needed replaced; new tires have been put on the Tandem Truck; the final numbers are in for the seal coating and 7.25 miles were done this year at an average cost of \$15,000 per mile.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: the cremation burial for Artie Horath was held on October 21; a traditional burial for Francis Nollman is scheduled for November 17; 2 markings were done for Adams memorials; Randy's Tree Service completed the removal of the trees over 2 days – October 20 and November 6; a letter has been mailed to Jo Anne Teal regarding the issues with her continuing to place a fence on the grave which Julie signed as Township Supervisor; the list of stones for possible restoration has been given to Dena Memorials for completion as weather and schedule permits keeping within the approved \$1,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS: Cemetery tree trimming status - Supervisor Osborn passed photos of the completely hollow tree which was removed; the invoice has been received and the bill was less than the original estimate.

2023-2024 tax levy – Clerk Reed stated the official estimated EAV has been received from the county and the potential numbers are on the levy documents for review. Discussion was held on the increase of the entire county going up 7% and whether to maintain our current levy or reduce it. Highway Commissioner Green proposed reducing the Road and Bridge Levy 2.5% for 2023-2024. Supervisor Osborn proposed also reducing the Township Levy 2.5%. The proposed levies will be posted as required for final vote in December.

Furnaces for offices and big shed – a bid from Zach's Heating and Cooling has been received. Discussion was held on the need for two furnaces in the shed versus one as the size of the shed requires additional furnaces to not run constantly as is happening now. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to accept the bid for the installation of two American Standard Furnaces in the shed with a confirmed estimate at the \$9,500 price and inclusion of installing the office thermostats. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and the bid was accepted with an official revised bid to be received.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

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 Horn 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 the planning of the Logan County Township Association Dinner we are in charge of for 2024 and the need to cash the cashier's check from Aetna Township per the bank's phone call. Clerk Reed will work on this issue.

Supervisor Osborn distributed a sample Decennial Report from Oran Township for review and would like to schedule the next meeting to be held December 12.

Trustee Wertheim announced the Atlanta Christian Church Food Pantry invited the board to come on a Saturday to assist so they can see how the money is being spent which is donated.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk