

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

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held October 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, Chuck Van Hoorn and Becky Brandt; Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Public present was Sue Adams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sue Adams requested the Atlanta Township Board add being against CO2 sequestration wells in the resolution for the Logan County Board. Navigator, one of the CO2 companies, is pushing hard for landowners to allow it in McLean County along the Logan County and McLean County border. Due to the location of where they are wanting to do the sequestration, there is concern over it leaking into the aquifer. Supervisor Osborn said she knows the City of Normal's Mayor is against the pipeline, however, she spoke to the Director of McLean County Building and Zoning and he is not concerned about it.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with spelling corrections. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn presented the proposed CO2 Resolution for review. Discussion was held on adding sequestration to the resolution. Trustee Brandt made a motion to revise the resolution to include being against sequestration prior to submitting the resolution to the Logan County Board and the Illinois Commerce Commission. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to revise the resolution to add being against sequestration before being presented to the Logan County Board and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Reed passed around the quarterly budget and expenses report for review.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported the following: more roads have been graded after the rains; Scott Hostetler did spray patching on 1975th Street south of the cemetery; the tree trimmer has been rented and he will be doing trimming starting next week.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: 2 markings were done for Dena's Memorials; an ashes burial is scheduled for October 21 for Artie Horath.

OLD BUSINESS: Approval of Cemetery stone repairs funding: Photos were distributed for review of suggested stones to be repaired. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the \$1,000.00 for spending on as many of the suggested monuments for repair as possible at that price. Trustee

Brandt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried authorizing \$1,000.00 be spent on repairing monuments.

NEW BUSINESS: Potential tree trimming or removal of trees at cemetery – Supervisor Osborn and Trustee Brandt went to the cemetery and put together a list of trees which need to be trimmed or removed as there is a hollow tree and a couple of diseased trees. Randy from Randy's Tree Service met with them to look at the trees and gave an estimate of \$5,290.00 for all trees needing removal including grinding of stumps. Trustee Brandt made a motion to accept the bid from Randy's Tree Service Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried to have Randy's Tree Service complete the work for \$5,290.00. Cemetery Manager Brooks requested being contacted prior to the work to be sure no funerals are scheduled that day.

2024-2025 Levy – the proposed tax levy was distributed for review and discussion. The Logan County Assessor has indicated all property taxes will be raised 7% for payment in 2024. Discussion was held on needs for maintaining or increasing or decreasing the levy. Final review will be completed at November meeting for posting for public review.

Increasing Donation to Food Pantry – Supervisor Osborn said she has discussed the Food Pantry with Tom Parks and he indicated donations are slowing down. Supervisor Osborn suggested raising the donation from Atlanta Township to \$1,600.00 a month. The budget includes enough money to pay additional funds for October – December from Town Fund with January – March coming from General Assistance as the Illinois State Statute allowing General Assistance to be used for food pantries goes into effect January 1. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to increase the Atlanta Township donation to the Food Pantry to \$1,600.00. Trustee Van Hoon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; The motion carried and the donation to the Atlanta Christian Church Food Pantry is increased to \$1,600.00 per month for the remainder of the fiscal year.

New furnaces for offices and big shed (and fans) – Discussion was held on replacing the furnaces in the offices and the big shed connected to the office. Highway Commissioner Green will contact Zach Craig for a bid.

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: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and bills were authorized for payment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk