

**Atlanta Township**  
**301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723**  
**September 12, 2023**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held September 12th, 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 and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Public present was Martha Green. Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Brandt pointed out an error in spelling eminent and the word deep at end of Highway Commissioner Green's report. Trustee Brandt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with spelling corrections. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting as presented with spelling corrections.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Osborn reported the following: The joint informational meeting on the CO2 Pipeline was held September 6 with approximately 100 guests. Overall, the meeting revealed the pipeline will be ½ mile from Atlanta but was not very informative.

Discussion was held on issuing a resolution against the pipeline for presentation to the Logan County Board. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to create a resolution for presentation at the October meeting. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed to create a resolution for presentation at the October meeting to present to the Logan County Board.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Reed reported the following: The new Certificate of Deposit created in June matures on September 20 and a decision needs to be made on how to invest it. The Atlanta National Bank is offering 5.04% for 1 year with the \$35,300 CD. Rates for The Illinois Funds are slightly higher but change daily whereas the bank rate is guaranteed the entire year. Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to renew the CD for 1 year at the 5.04%. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and the CD will be renewed at The Atlanta National Bank for 1 year at 5.04%.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Highway Commissioner Green reported the following: additional patching was done and two roads were graded; a call has been made to Scott Hostettler to request more spray patching on 1975<sup>th</sup> Street south of the cemetery.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** In the absence of Cemetery Manager Brooks Supervisor Osborn reported the following: August 18<sup>th</sup> there was a traditional burial for Marylin Joyce Fox; August 21 there was a cremation burial for Patrick Hill; two grave sites were marked for Adam's Memorials; six spaces were sold on September 11; Marsha Ballard inquired about a space for her mother,

Rebecca Troxel and she was assured there is a space reserved for her.

A letter was sent on August 9, 2023 to Jo Anne Teal regarding her monument which she believes was hit during mowing. The letter apologizes but the Township is not responsible for the damages and there will be no reimbursement. A reply was received from Jo Anne on August 15 stating no reimbursement is expected, however, she still believes the marker was hit by a mower.

LaVerne Thompson and Jackie McKown have located monuments which could be repaired for the restoration project this year. Photos were distributed for review. They also suggested the fence around the Bean family burials be included. The budget for the repairs is \$1,000 and approval will be done at the October meeting.

Trustee Wertheim expressed concern the cemetery has not been maintained very well lately with weed control. On Labor Day weekend, mowing had been done but weeding had not and it looked very bad, however, it did look better this past weekend for the Atlanta Fall Festival. Trustee Brandt agreed she had noticed the weeds, too.

There was no August Advisory Board meeting but there is a meeting scheduled for September 20.

**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 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:** Clerk Reed mentioned the Illinois State Legislature passed a bill allowing for General Assistance money to be used for food pantries effective January, 2024.

**DECENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING:** Supervisor Osborn distributed a survey from Perspective Magazine for each member to complete and bring back to the next meeting where we will compile the answers together.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed  
Atlanta Township Clerk