

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
December 10, 2024
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held December 10th, 2024, 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 and Becky Brandt; Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Public present was Shelly Buettner, Connie Wertheim, Bruce Compton, Josh Koonce and Martha Green. Trustee Chuck Van Hoorn was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the November 12, 2024, 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 November 12, 2024, meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Multi-Township Assessor Board Meeting was held last week and the board voted to hire Logan County to assess the Townships of Oran and Atlanta starting June 2025. We are waiting to confirm pricing and a few questions such as when payments are due, who pays for continuing education, etc.

The 2023-2024 Comptroller's report has been filed and a copy has been received if anyone wants to look at it, it is in the office.

Attorney John Hoblit was contacted to discuss the ordinance on cemetery capital funds and using the money for AI's salary as maintenance or possibly amending the Capital Fund.

CLERK'S REPORT: All property taxes have been received.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported he removed a tree which fell during a storm and cleaned up a couple of ditches which were pooling from rain.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: one call was received about a space purchase but not completed yet; another possible space transfer not completed yet; the renewal of the cemetery license has been printed; new burial cards have been printed; pending burial of James Coleman who passed away Monday which will be private graveside; Trustee Wertheim requested a meeting to review cemetery records at museum to check for accuracy and they will work on scheduling a time to do so.

OLD BUSINESS: New Windows: Highway Commissioner Green reported Keith Gardner came and looked at them and he will not put in a bid due to the way the awning was built over the front of the building and the windows, which is going to require potential major repairs to complete. Highway Commissioner Green is working on having someone else come look at the windows.

Levy – Trustee Green made a motion to approve the posted Town Fund Tax Levy for 2024-2025. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Trustee Van Hoorn was absent. The motion carried and the posted Town Fund Tax Levy for 2024-2025 was approved. The Road and Bridge Levy was approved at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 2025 Meeting Dates – Clerk Reed distributed the dates for the 2025 meetings for review.

Food Pantry Review: Trustee Brandt thinks we should have reports from the food pantry and the Hope Packs regarding how the funds we donate are being used, what needs they are having and future expectations. Trustee Brandt will see if Tom Parks can come in January or February for the food pantry and Trustee Green will get someone from Hope Packs.

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 Wertheim said she spoke to Sheriff Mark Landers who said the city is not supposed to patrol the cemetery area and he will speak with Atlanta Police Chief.

Cemetery Manager Brooks announced a blood drive at Atlanta Christian Church is being held January 9 from noon to 6 PM.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk