

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
May 9, 2023
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held May 9th, 2023 at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Supervisor Julie Osborn. Those present were Supervisor Julie Osborn; Trustees Amy Wertheim, Georgia Green, and Becky Brandt; Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Guest present was Martha Green. Clerk Shellie Reed and Trustee Chuck Van Hoorn were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: The first meeting of the combined Township and Road and Bridge District Committee for the State of Illinois required Decennial Committee was held. As we are under 400,000 residents, a joint committee is allowed. Committee members are as follows: Township Supervisor Julie Osborn, Trustees Amy Wertheim, Georgia Green, Becky Brandt and Chuck Van Hoorn and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Resident representatives are: Shelly Brooks, Martha Green and Shellie Reed. Discussion was held concerning services the Township provides at the present including: Cemetery Management, Recycling for all residents in Township and City of Atlanta; E-Recycling with City of Atlanta, Annual Clean-up Day with City of Atlanta, providing financial assistance to the Atlanta Christian Church Food Bank and Atlanta Methodist Church Hope Bags. Road Commissioner Green stated there is also cooperation with Logan County, City of Atlanta, Eminence Township, Oran and East Lincoln Township for road maintenance and sharing of equipment when needed. Trustee Brandt suggested a possible emergency response plan as something the Township could provide to work with other entities for disasters or emergencies. Further discussion will be had on this idea.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Green 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 April 11, 2023 meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: The agreements between Atlanta Township and Atlanta Christian Church and Atlanta Township and Atlanta Methodist Church have been signed and the first check was written to the Atlanta Christian Church.

The cost to update QuickBooks and Intuit is \$1,200.00 per year. Discussion was held about not renewing however, payroll would have to be done differently. Additional review will be done before a decision is made.

CLERK'S REPORT: E-Recycling is scheduled for June 3, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Fliers will be put up and a posting will be made on Facebook. Volunteers are needed as the company will not remove items from car backseats. Contact will be made with the high school to see if students need community service hours. The company will handle all money charged for items.

All but one Economic Interest Statements have been turned in, which should be received in next few days.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: The following work was done: roads have been patched and graded; a tree blocking a road was cut up and hauled off; trees along roadsides have been trimmed; the railroad crossing at Jodlowski's has been completed with additional keys provided to Mardee Van Hoorn and David Applegate, however, the Fire Department declined one; the letting for the oil was done and the cost will be \$4.02.

Barricades for cemetery narrow road – posts will be set on May 13 and after a week, gates may be installed. Nick's Fab Shop is completing the work.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: three markings have been done – 1 for Manley's, 1 for Adams Memorials and 1 for Dena's Memorials; three spaces have been sold; two burials were done - Carol Estes on April 19 and Fred Finchum on May 3; a burial for Ann Shifflet is scheduled for May 17; a death date was confirmed and a photo of the stone was sent to the family; a meeting is schedule for May 19 for possible sale of spaces.

Repaving of cemetery roads – two bids have been received – 1 from B&W for \$20,000 with no filling of cracks and 1 from McLean County Asphalt for \$6,375 with cracks cleaned and filled. The narrow road being gated off will not be included in resurfacing. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to accept the bid from McLean County Asphalt for \$6,375. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion carried and approval was given to accept the bid from McLean County Asphalt for repaving the cemetery roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

Columbarium Plan of Action – Trustee Brant reported she met with Mark Ifft from Pontiac Granite on May 9 along with Cemetery Manager Brooks and Advisory Board Member Jackie McKown. Mr. Ifft suggested a site for the columbarium and discussed size options, costs and things the township would need to control. There would be a lifetime warranty on the columbarium if provided by Pontiac Granite. A 48-niche columbarium runs around \$32,000 which comes to \$666 a niche. Mr. Ifft offered to draw up a plan to present to the board. Trustee Wertheim suggested we should also contact other memorial providers to see if they provide columbarium.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

FINANCIAL REPORT & PAYING OF BILLS: Board Members reviewed the bills to be paid. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the financial report and paying of the bills. Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. The motion carried and bills were authorized for payment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: There were no questions or comments.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk