

**Atlanta Township**  
**301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723**  
**April 12, 2022**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held April 12th, 2022 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, Highway Commissioner Wes Green, Clerk Shellie Reed, Trustees Becky Brandt, Georgia Green, Amy Wertheim and Shelly Buettner. Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks was absent.

The following items were discussed:

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Trustee Buettner submitted her resignation as Trustee effective immediately. Trustee Green made a motion to accept the resignation. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried to accept Trustee Buettner's immediate resignation.

Trustee Brandt nominated Charles Van Hoorn to fill the Trustee vacancy. Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried for Charles Van Hoorn to fill the Trustee vacancy effective immediately. Clerk Reed administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Van Hoorn.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Brandt made a correction. Trustee Brandt made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting as corrected.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Osborn reported she attended General Assistance Training and if people wanting assistance will not complete the paperwork, they cannot get assistance. In addition, if anyone has a Felony Class X on their record, they cannot get assistance. However, assistance money may be used for Township utilities, office supplies and training, if needed.

Supervisor Osborn said Attorney John Redlingshafer presented at the General Assistance Training and she feels we should consider using him in future, if we have legal needs. In addition, the previous attorney sent a letter they are raising their rates for future services.

Supervisor Osborn said she received a letter from Estes, Bridgewater and Ogden they will no longer be doing township audits. Theresa Moore at the County Clerk's office recommended Striegel, Knobloch and Company in Bloomington as they do township audits.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Reed reminded board members to turn in their Open Meetings Act certificates and Economic Interest Forms.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Highway Commissioner Green reported the following: a mower was purchased at the Naughton auction for \$3,400.00; the culvert on 1975<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been replaced; he has been grading gravel roads; he has spoken to Scott Hostettler about

patching roads and they will be finalizing the list; and he believes he will pave about 7 miles of roads this year.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Cemetery Manager Brooks was absent. Trustee Brandt reported there has been more damage at the cemetery to a tombstone. Discussion was held on possibly putting up barriers to the narrow road where the damage was done preventing driver's from using it.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Disposal of Hazardous/Electronic Waste - Clerk Reed reported it will be tabled due to lack of ability to find someone for this year.

Safe - Highway Commissioner Green reported he has found a gun safe at Tractor Supply for \$1,099.99 which has a fire rating of 60 minutes. Farm and Home has them, but they are lower fire rating and more expensive. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to purchase the gun safe from Tractor Supply for \$1,099.99. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken: Supervisor Osborn – yes; Trustee Brandt – yes; Trustee Wertheim – yes; Trustee Green – yes; Trustee Van Hoorn – yes. The motion carried and Highway Commissioner Green will take care of the purchase.

Budget for 2022-2023 – Review of the expenses to date and the budget was completed with suggestions for the budget for 2022-2023 made. Final presentation will be made at the May meeting for publishing to the constituents for final approval in June.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Appointment of new Committee member for Cemetery Board - Supervisor Osborn appointed Laverne Thompson to fill the vacant spot. It was noted committee members do not have to live in the township to be on the committee.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & PAYING OF BILLS:**

Board Members reviewed the bills to be paid. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to approve the financial report and paying of the bills. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Julie Osborn – yes; Becky Brandt – yes; Shelly Buettner – yes; Georgia Green – yes; Amy Wertheim - yes. The motion carried and bills were approved for payment.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

Trustee Wertheim asked if it is possible for the Township to make a donation to the Atlanta Rural Fire Department to assist with the purchase of the new truck. Supervisor Osborn will check into rules on making donations.

Trustee Wertheim asked about the Cemetery Minutes indicating a desire to ask for additional funds for the Sexton to pay for higher fuel prices. Supervisor Osborn said she has reviewed the contract with him and it is not allowed.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed  
Atlanta Township Clerk