

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
June 13, 2023
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held June 13th, 2023 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, Chuck Van Hoorn and Becky Brandt; Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Guests present were Martha Green and Shelly Buettner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Osborn.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Van Hoorn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn suggested having the next Decennial Meeting at the September Atlanta Township Board Meeting after the meeting which is September 12.

Supervisor Osborn discussed renewing three Certificates of Deposit (CD's) or cashing it in. Trustee Van Hoorn suggested checking into interest at other banks prior to making a decision. Trustee Brandt made a motion to extend the three CD's currently maturing for three months and investigate other interest rate or investment options. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and approval was given to extend the three CD's for three months and research other options.

CLERK'S REPORT: E-recycling day went very well – we recycled 6,025 pounds of electronics. A suggestion was made by CJD to offer the event to the small towns in the area and have them help pay for it. The bill has been received and the discounts were credited for having volunteers and a forklift. The City of Atlanta will be billed for ½. CJD also said they have the calendar open in January for the year and suggested trying to book it earlier in the season so it won't be so warm.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported the city-wide clean-up was held May 20 and seven dumpsters were filled. The following work has been done: gravel roads have been drug after last rains; trucks were taken down and serviced and inspected; all the rock has been hauled in; Scott Hostetter may start spray patching in the next few weeks; a new battery was put in the little tractor which was seven years old.

Road barricades at cemetery have been installed but need to be painted. Locks also need to be put on barricades with three keys – one for Al, one for Wes and one for Shelly.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: the proposal has been submitted to McLean County Asphalt for the paving but no date set yet and a call was made to decline the other proposal; there was no cemetery board meeting due to lack of quorum; two burial cards were updated; Al looked for space at foot of two spaces to accommodate cremation remains; May 17 an ashes burial was held for Carol Ann Shifflett; May 26 – a burial was held for Patricia Ann Johnson; there is a burial scheduled for June 14 with no service; Ameren's forestry contractor needed to get into the cemetery to work on trees but she referred them to the family who owns the tree line; a meeting was held with a family to sell spaces.

OLD BUSINESS:

Columbarium Plan of Action – Trustee Brandt asked for status of whether we think we will do it or not. A discussion on pros and cons of doing a columbarium was held. The topic was tabled until Cemetery Advisory Board can look at it and make a recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closing Safety Deposit Box – Clerk Reed said the renewal fee is due in July and since we have the safe the items could be put in the safe. Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to close the safety deposit box at The Atlanta National Bank. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed to close the Safety Deposit Box at The Atlanta National Bank.

Purchasing bulletin board for outside building – Supervisor Osborn said it would be nice to have an outdoor bulletin board to put our announcements on versus the windows which is what we do now. Discussion was held on the purchase and Supervisor Osborn will be checking into it.

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 Wertheim 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: There were no questions or comments.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk