

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
April 11, 2023
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held April 11th, 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, Becky Brandt and Chuck Van Hoorn; Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks and Highway Commissioner Wes Green. Guest present was Martha Green.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Shelly Brooks announced the Atlanta Christian Church is doing a blood drive on Thursday, May 4 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the March 14, 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 March 14, 2023 meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn said she has been reviewing the requirements for the Decennial Committee. There are reports on the TOI website to be used and she may be asking for names to be on the committee as we are required to have two residents. A list needs to be put together for the items the Township does which the City of Atlanta does not offer either for everyone in the Township or for residents living outside the city limits. A meeting will be scheduled prior to June 10, the deadline for the first meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT: Reminder, Economic Interest Statements are due May 2.

E-recycling – a flier has been received to edit and post which will be done after May 1. It was also suggested by the company doing the recycling to get volunteers from the high school who need service hours which will save additional money. A call will be made asking for assistance with the volunteer organizing.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported the following work was done: the battery in the backhoe was replaced as it was the original battery and lasted seven years; CA6 was added to the Atlanta Ag Road and Larry Liesman's road and then graded; CA6 will be added to the Roaches Chapel road and Chuck Van Hoorn's road; a meeting was held with Greg Patton regarding the railroad crossing to be installed but nothing has been finalized; the plows were removed from the trucks.

Barricades for cemetery narrow road – Wheery's is short-handed but will work on getting them made the next few weeks.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: a burial was held on March 22; a burial space was located for purchase but has not been completed; two families needed assistance locating their spaces; one marking was done for Adams Memorials; two

markings were done for Dena Memorials; holes have been filled in the road; a complaint was received about the evergreens at the end of the cemetery by the highway.

OLD BUSINESS:

Columbarium Plan of Action – Trustee Brandt will call Pontiac Granite to schedule a time to have them look at the cemetery and get ideas and costs now the weather is better.

Town Fund Budget – Supervisor Osborn asked for public comment on the proposed budget. There being no public comment, Trustee Wertheim made a motion to approve the Township Budget as presented. Trustee Brandt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and the Township Budget was approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Road and Bridge Budget – Supervisor Osborn asked for public comment on the proposed budget. There being no public comment, Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Budget as presented. Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. The motion carried and the Road and Bridge Budget was approved for 2023-2024 fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Food Pantry Agreements – Supervisor Osborn reviewed the proposed agreements with the Atlanta Christian Church Food Pantry and the Methodist Church Hope Bags. Trustee Brandt made a motion to adopt the agreements between Atlanta Township and Atlanta Christian Church Food Pantry and Atlanta Township and the Methodist Church Hope Bags. Trustee Wertheim seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: 5; Nay: 0. The motion carried and the agreements will be signed and presented to them. Checks will be issued as appropriate for each organization.

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 Brandt 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: Cemetery Manager Brooks asked what needs to be done to get the cemetery roads resurfaced. Discussion was held on what companies to call. Cemetery Manager Brooks said she will get quotes for the next meeting. If quotes are over \$30,000 she will notify Clerk Reed for formal bidding process to be completed.

Supervisor Osborn reported we have discovered the Logan County Township Association dinner is being handled incorrectly. There are supposed to be by-laws, officers and a separate checking account overseen by the officers. Research needs to be done and the other townships contacted to determine what to do moving forward as we cannot put the funds from Aetna Township in any of the Township bank accounts.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk