

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
September 13, 2022
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held September 13th, 2022 at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by Clerk Shellie Reed. Those present were Clerk Shellie Reed, Highway Commissioner Wes Green, Trustees Amy Wertheim, Georgia Green, Becky Brandt and Chuck Van Hoorn; and Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks; Supervisor Julie Osborn was absent. Guests present were Shelly Buettner and Martha Green.

Clerk Reed asked for a nomination for a Pro Tem Chairman in the absence of Supervisor Osborn. Trustee Van Hoorn nominated Trustee Brandt. Trustee Wertheim seconded the nomination. A roll call vote was held: Trustee Brandt – yes; Trustee Wertheim – yes; Trustee Van Hoorn – yes; Trustee Green – yes. The nomination of Trustee Brandt to be the Pro Tem Chairman was approved.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Guest Buettner commented family visiting recently went to the cemetery and were impressed how well kept and nice it was compared to others they have visited.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Wertheim requested an addition be made specifying she had received the interment list for the cemetery. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with changes. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting with changes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Striegel & Knobloch – Comptroller's Report/AFR - Supervisor Osborn has contacted them to request assistance completing the reports which are due by September 30, 2022. Information needed has been provided and results are pending.

Local Government Consolidation & Efficiency Act – PB 102-1088 – Supervisor Osborn is checking with TOI for more information on how to meet the requirement.

CLERK'S REPORT: The 3 Person Committee Audit – the audit will be finished by September 15, 2022 and has been completed by Jacki Pavlik, Athena Vieth and Karen Rawlins.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported the following: more patching has been done; about seven miles have been seal-coated.

Road Barricades for Cemetery narrow road – nothing has been heard from the Fab Shop, however, if we would like, he can contact Wherry in Bloomington. Discussion followed agreeing to obtaining a quote from Wherry.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: Two burial spaces have been marked for Dena Memorials; five spaces have been sold – one to Carol Leathers, one to Cheryl Erinc and three to Fred and Anita Pyle; another appointment is scheduled to look at

spaces; a burial was completed September 12, 2022 of Robert Woods; The interment list has been updated.

OLD BUSINESS: Recycling dumpsters hosted by Township – Clerk Reed reported there is one option – GFL Environmental. Highway Commissioner Green reported TOIRMA insurance will cover any claims made. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to arrange for a trial period hosting the recycling dumpster to see how well it works and what issues may come up. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Wertheim – yes; Trustee Green – yes; Trustee Van Hoorn – yes; Trustee Brandt – yes; Supervisor Osborn was absent. The motion carried and Clerk Reed will arrange for a dumpster to be delivered for a trial basis.

NEW BUSINESS: Preparation for Tax Levy 2023-2024 – Clerk Reed distributed reports showing the current taxes collected versus what was levied for the 2022-2023 year. The final deposits will be received in November. The reports for approval will be distributed at the October meeting.

Atlanta Police in Township - Trustee Wertheim said she has contacted the Mayor of Atlanta and the Logan County Sheriff as a concerned citizen of the township to discuss the patrol boundaries of the Atlanta Police Department and was informed it will be addressed as appropriate.

Cemetery Interment List – Discussion was held on posting the interment list on the website. Trustee Brandt said she researched Find A Grave and tested their GIS system and found all of the graves she attempted to find at the cemetery. Discussion was held on posting of the interment list on the website. Trustee Green pointed out posting a link to Find A Grave on the website will negate the need for the interment list to be on the website.

Cemetery Damaged Stones List – Trustee Wertheim asked if it is possible to get a list of all the damaged stones from the Cemetery Advisory Board. Cemetery Manager Brooks clarified there is no set list of damaged stones. The list of stones to be requested to be repaired is compiled each year and presented to the Advisory Board. Discussion was held on board members providing names to Cemetery Manager Brooks for consideration for the following year if they see a damaged stone.

FINANCIAL REPORT & PAYING OF BILLS:

Board Members reviewed the bills to be paid. Trustee Van Hoorn made a motion to approve the financial report and paying of the bills. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Brandt – yes; Trustee Wertheim – yes; Trustee Green – yes; Trustee Van Hoorn – yes; Supervisor Osborn was absent. The motion carried and bills were approved for payment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Clerk Reed said there is a conference coming up in Springfield for TOI which Supervisor Osborn and she are planning to attend.

Chairman Pro Tem Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk