

Atlanta Township
301 SW Arch Street, Atlanta, Illinois 61723
August 9, 2022
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Atlanta Township Board was held August 9th, 2022 at the Atlanta Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by Supervisor Julie Osborn. Those present were Supervisor Julie Osborn, Clerk Shellie Reed, Highway Commissioner Wes Green, Trustees Amy Wertheim, Georgia Green and Chuck Van Hoorn; and Cemetery Manager Shelly Brooks; Trustee Becky Brandt was absent. Guest present was Shelly Buettner.

The following items were discussed:

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting were reviewed by each member. Trustee Wertheim made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting as presented.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Osborn has contacted the accounting firm Striegel, Knobloch and Company to request assistance completing the Annual Treasurers/Comptrollers Report which is due by September 30, 2022. The information has been uploaded to their portal and we are waiting to hear from them requesting additional information or results.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Reed is working on the 3 Person Audit Committee.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Highway Commissioner Green reported the following: Scott Hostetler has finished patching roads and a good job was done; more patching has been done; the new mower has been used and it works fine; seal-coating has been started, however, the truck required new batteries so the batteries have been replaced (appears they were 12 – 14 years old).

Liability of ATVs and "Non-Highway Vehicles" on Township Roads – a call was placed to the County Sheriff's Office and the deputy explained ATV's and Golf Carts are illegal on the roads per county and state regulations. Gators are allowed for farming purposes. A letter from the Farm Bureau and a copy of the statute is on file in the Township office if needed. If a Sheriff sees them on the roads, they will be issued tickets. Since we do not want them on the roads, we do not have to post anything as it is a Logan County and an Illinois State regulation.

Road Barricades for Cemetery narrow road – according to Nick at the Fab Shop, they will be ready in 30 days – approximately September 9.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery Manager Brooks reported the following: There was one traditional burial of Annabelle French on July 21 and one cremation burial of Sharon Gallagher-Smith on July 30; one space was sold to David Miller; there are people looking at purchasing 3 more spaces; Homer Hamblin has not been buried yet; assistance was provided to people with locating burial sites. Trustee Wertheim received a listing of those interred in the cemetery.

The Atlanta Public Library held a recent speaker event by Bill Donath about the 1918 Spanish Flu and the effect on Logan County. A list of citizens of Atlanta was obtained and compared to the burial list to see who was in the cemetery so burial cards could be updated with cause of death as many do not have it on them. Out of 50 people known to contract the Spanish Flu in 1918, 15 are buried at the cemetery.

The list of monuments to be restored and repaired has been put together. Photos of the stones and the names was passed around for review. Some stones may not be fixable, but the company will try.

The Cemetery Advisory Board discussed the signage idea and are researching a GIS system to map the graves and names to be put on the website instead of a sign as the way the cemetery is laid out is very confusing. There are sites available for cemetery usage but they come with a potential start-up cost and maintenance cost which requires additional research before a recommendation is made to the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Government Consolidation & Efficiency Act – Supervisor Osborn has printed out the statute and is reviewing it. There is a minimum requirement of 3 meetings to be held, however, they can be held in conjunction with the regular board meetings. The board has until June 30, 2023 to complete the first review. It appears the main purpose is to make sure we are not duplicating work done by the city which means the citizens are being double taxed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Feasibility of the Township Hosting Recycling Dumpsters - since the City of Atlanta has gone to curbside recycling, the residents of the township and some housing in town do not have a recycling option anymore. Clerk Reed reviewed the possibility of using GFL who is the trash company for the Township and costs which are approximately \$740.00 per month or so depending on how often it is picked up. A suggestion was made to contact Republic who does the City of Atlanta to see if they offer dumpsters and costs to compare to GFL. Discussion was held on how many potential homes are affected and there are approximately 890 outside city limits. A suggestion was made to review insurance policy as well to be sure of liability. Additional information will be gathered for discussion at next meeting

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: Supervisor Osborn – yes; Trustee Wertheim – yes; Trustee Green – yes; Trustee Van Hoorn – yes; Trustee Brandt was absent. The motion carried and bills were approved for payment.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: There were no questions or comments.

Supervisor Osborn adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Reed
Atlanta Township Clerk