

Date: April 14, 2021
Meeting: Austin Township Board Meeting
Chair: Ed Sadro
Secretary: Carrie Franzel
Attendees: Albert Lemke Jr., David McArthur, Ed Sadro, Tammy Morell; Joe Morell
Absent:
Guests: Tammy Katt Sanilac EMS ; Steve from Road Commission; Jesse Walsh; Dave Walsh; Terry Oconnor; Chuck Stringer; Neil Polum
Excused:

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 19:00 by Ed and pledge of allegiance was done.	No action indicated.
Minutes	Minutes of previous Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Albert, seconded by David	Motion Unanimously Carried.
Financial Report	Financial report for general fund for previous month were presented by Carrie. Motion to approve made by Albert, seconded by David. Financial report for the Road fund for previous month were presented by Carrie motion to approve made by Albert, seconded by David. Financial report for the Gravel fund was presented by Carrie. Motion to approve the Gravel fund financials made by Albert, seconded by David.	Motions unanimously carried.
Bills	The bills were presented. Motion to pay the bills as presented made by David, seconded by Albert.	Motion unanimously carried
Old Business:		
Roads	There was discussion with Minden Township representatives regarding cost share for Verona Road. Minden wondered about applying limestone rather than gravel but for the cost and amount of traffic on that road, gravel is likely more cost effective. We talked about 1000 ton each township for Verona Road. Terry stated that every township in Sanilac county will be getting stimulus money and that Minden received stimulus money last year from stabilization. Terry was talking with the drain commissioner about the Lamka drain it will be a couple years. Terry questioned whether we had any activity with solar in this township and we have not. He would like to see if the townships could work together on solar	Motions unanimously carried. Roads will be communicated to the roads by Albert. If we decide to do additional roads, Steve stated we can communicate that next month.

	<p>ordinances instead of each township trying to do it separately. Austin has solar ordinances already.</p> <p>Ed presented two contracts for roads. One is for gravel patch and one is for just more gravel patch to come out of the road fund to be a total of 8 miles of gravel patch. Al would like to do 12 miles of gravel patch after traveling the roads this year. During budget, we had budgeted miscellaneous road dollars that could be used to do additional gravel patch.</p> <p>One mile of Frieberger road from Robinson road to Cass City Road; One Mile of spencer road between Wheeler and Patterson road; 2 miles of Verona road the mile south of Charleston to mile marker and from Cumber road South; one mile of Cass city road west of 19 and one mile East of 19 on Cass City Road; Wheeler road between Holbrook and Spencer Road; Cumber road 2 miles Wheeler to Bad Axe Road and Tyre to Verona. Spencer Road from Wheeler to Patterson;</p> <p>Carrie made a motion to sign the gravel patch contract, seconded by David.</p> <p>Tammy made a motion to sign the general patch contract, seconded by Carrie.</p>	
Dave and Jesse Walsh	<p>Requested his permit time frame be extended due to difficulty getting construction supplies. Corner of Wheeler and Spencer they dug the ditch out deeper to help with a neighbor who had concerns of water and it resulted in more wash out in the field. In order to correct the problem they spoke with Steve from road commission and there is a cost for a drainage tube (15" 200 feet) and he would like to know why he has to pay for the tube without any help from the county or township. There was general discussion and it is customary for the cost of these types of tubes to be paid for by the land owner.</p>	<p>Unanimously agreed to extend permit. The road commission will return cost of the drainage tube and board will discuss further.</p>
Zoning	<p>Neil Polum has questions about setbacks for a building. The ordinances were reviewed and his proposed structure will be within the guidelines for the average setback as per the ordinances.</p> <p>Joe reported two permits, Ann Marie Cooper a house and MacArthur Connelly a shed addition. Joe stated MacArthur Connelly never got his bond back when he built his garage. Joe will follow up and Carrie stated if he provides dates she will go through the paper work.</p>	<p>Neil was advised that as far as the township is concerned he is ok for what he has proposed but he should check with Sanilac county due to the setbacks on a state highway.</p>
Lawn and Cemetery Maintenance	<p>Carrie reported she had received fee schedules from the other townships and examples of deeds of sale for the cemetery.</p>	<p>Ed will send to the county for approval and send Carrie a copy.</p>

New Business		
Stipend for Audit	Ed asked Albert and David what their thoughts are about the stipend for the audit. Carrie and Tammy will abstain at this time. David stated that moving forward he recommends we come to terms as to who is handling the audit moving forward. David stated he has no issue with the stipend. Albert stated that he wished we would have paid it earlier and he has no issue with the stipend. Ed stated that he does not agree with the 2018 monies he is ok with paying 2020. The clerk will do the general ledger and handle the audit with support from the other board members. Motion for resolution to pay Tammy 450.00 for the additional duties of the audit from 2018 and from 2020.	Motion unanimously carried.
Checking	Ed reviewed Carrie's request to be on the bank account.	The bank will stay the same for now.
Joe	Joe stated that he feels that this is the second time that the township board has asked him and his wife to bail out a mess in the township.	
Ems	Carrie asked Tammy Katt from Sanilac EMS to come and speak to response times as there were constituents that were upset about run times of over an hour for emergent situations. The run times since switching over to Sanilac EMS the longest run time was 32 minutes for Sanilac EMS to arrive and that was for a sick person and Argyle first responders did respond first.	Copies were obtained and cards for Tammy were obtained for use for reference for any concerns.
PA 116	Clery PA 116 received by Ed and given to Carrie for the meeting	Carrie will process the PA 116 for Clery.
	Meeting adjourned at 21:07	No action indicated.
	Next meeting will be held on May 12, 2021 at 7 pm.	