

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was held on video conference, per Michigan Health Department order prohibiting in person meetings.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Saad, present (Argentine Twp.), James, present (Argentine Twp.), Conner, present (Flint Twp.), Graves, present (Sumter Co. FL), Schmidt, present (Sarasota Co. FL). Absent: none.

Motion by Conner, seconded by James to approve minutes of January 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll call: Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, James, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion by Graves, seconded by Saad to approve budget amendments as presented.

Roll call: Graves, yes, Schmidt, yes, James, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Graves seconded by Saad to approve payment of expenditures as presented in the board packet. Roll call: Saad, yes, Conner, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, James, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Public comments: none.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted by Chief Allen. Advised as of February 14th all officers and staff have received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccinations. Supervisor Saad and I discussed a proposed ordinance that the township may want to consider and it is titled "Disorderly House". I attached to the board packet and it is meant to protect the township with any persistent issues regarding residents, such as nuisance issues. The ordinance is drafted as such where the Police Department has input, the Township has input and it can be mediated prior to anything happening with any punitive actions. It is there for your review and if you have any questions.

Schmidt: How does this integrate with our existing ordinance?

Chief Allen: What I have seen police departments use this for, City of Flint had one that was similar and used for different things obviously. The City of Flint used it for drug houses, where landlords allowed it. Drug houses do exist in our township and we are constantly working on this. It would be more specialized in dealing with these types of issues and I think it will help the municipal civil infraction order the township already has and will allow the township a little more flexibility to deal with specialized issues.

Conner: I think I understand what the Chief is trying to do. Detective Fulton and I both went through Crime Prevention class and that is one of the things they told us to form for some kind of repercussions when landlords continue to allow it to happen.

Lattie: I will be happy to look at it and write an opinion about it. I am guessing you are not going to want to hold hearings at township meetings.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted by Chief Jeremy Kurtz. Sloan's has agreed to price match and we were able to get our porta pump and generator through them.

The 2 new doors have been delivered and will be installed soon. We still have a small crew standby for the cancelled chili cook off.

We are having issues with the snow sliding off the roof and in front of the bay doors. We need to come up with a better solution. It hinders the response times and could potentially do damage to the trucks.

Saad: I spoke with Matt Mowinski from Royalty and he advised our department is priority and the only problem is he does not know when the snow falls off the roof.

I am recommending Gerald Ellsworth to be promoted to Sergeant and \$150.00 quarterly pay scale.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Conner to appoint Gerald Ellsworth to Sergeant with \$150.00 quarterly pay scale.

Roll call: Saad, yes, Conner, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, James, yes. Motion passed 5-0

Schmidt: I suggest an officer drive by and advise us on the lot condition.

Building Department: Saad reported that we had 2 permits for \$300 in the month of February.

Planning Commission: Trustee James, the Township budgeted \$4,000 to redo the Master Plan. Carlisle Wortman has agreed to accept payments in increments. We are asking the board to consider adding to the next budget cycle \$5,500 without the survey and \$6,300 with the survey. That would cover all the cost of the complete redo of the Master Plan.

Saad: I would like the board to consider this and I would like a survey monkey that the planning commission will help design.

Schmidt: Financially, I think, we can handle the cost of splitting this up and moving half into the next fiscal year.

James: We are looking for approval to get started with the \$4,000, with the expectation that we can cover the rest in the next budget.

Saad: We had good discussion with Mr. Kelley on the previous call about this overlay. If any of the large landowners wanted to sell property to a developer they would have to come before the board. They will have to fit all criteria of the ordinance the desire of the township of the time. I like the concept; I just am not sure how it fits. Motion by Saad, seconded by Schmidt to pay

\$4,000 in the Planning Commission budget to begin the complete Master Plan redo with Carlisle Wortman and the remainder to be paid out of the 2022 budget. Roll call: Conner, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, James, yes, Saad, yes. Motion passed 5-0

Old Business: Saad: I spoke with Road Commission late on Friday and spoke with Eric today. There is cost yet to start a petition for Peninsular and Belfast. They are working on it and to get people out there so they can get the numbers together. They also brought up the final \$16,000 for Whitehead Dr.

New Business: Toshiba renewal. There will be a monthly cost increase from \$103 to \$120. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Graves for the Renewal of the Toshiba contract. Roll call: Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, James, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes. Motion passed 5-0

LAFF Pathway: Graves: I wanted to give this more discussion this month. There is money in Parks and Recreation for maintenance this year. We can apply for grants for future years so we have the paths open to have a safe route to schools. I believe it is a great asset to the township. I believe it should be maintained using a lightweight vehicle utilizing a brush to minimize damage to the pathway.

Saad: Royalty does have a brush. It is a side by side.

Schmidt: From a legal perspective we have a thought from Mr. Lattie. I believe what Brian is saying is true that we do not have to do this from a legal point of view. I think we have moral obligation because we have said and passed a resolution twice and two signed documents that we would maintain it. One of them is specific and even back in December of 2016 when our Clerk brought it up for snow removal and getting quotes. We have kind of led the public to believe that is the way we are going to go.

Schmidt: I have numbers from Royalty to use the four wheelers. The cost for 1-4 inches is \$225, 4-8 inches is \$325 to do the township portion and cover what the school does not. I have reached out to the Community Grants and spoke with Jennifer Farrington and she sent the information to apply for the grant. I talked to her about \$15,000 and I am sure we won't get all \$15,000. Mr. Birkler is apprehensive about our position. We have funding to get us through this year.

Motion by Saad, seconded by James to receive quotes for snow removal on pathway to use a brush with lightweight vehicle.

Roll call: Graves, yes, James, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes, Schmidt, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Genesee County Act 342 storm water management.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to approve the Genesee County Act 342 storm water management agreement.

Roll call: James, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes. Motion passed 5-0

Public Comment:

Matt Frederick requested an update on the dam.

Marty Vyskocil, 8242 Peninsular Dr. We have 5 months until August for special assessment hearings. Genesee County keeps telling us they will get us a bid and it keeps getting put off.

Business from Board Members:

Schmidt: I sent a letter to the Supervisor of Deerfield Township about us participating in a 20 year plan with improvements in a couple of major pumping stations. Their portion of the cost of the \$150,000 was \$30,000. I have not heard back from them and I expect to hear from them by the end of the month. The request from the county should be on our next agenda to evaluate. I received the Argentine Township Fire and Rescue evaluation. Is that a topic of discussion for tonight or down the road?

Saad; Mr. Wickman is not on the call to go through that with us tonight. A copy of this was also given to Chief Kurtz.

Graves: There will be a May election. Genesee County placed a renewal of the 911 millage on the ballot and a new millage for Community Mental Health. We are going to combine precincts 1 and 3 and precinct 2 will stand alone to lower cost.

Saad; I had a conference call with the Genesee County Metro Planning Authority Group. We discussed holding one more March meeting on Zoom. I think in April I am going to open the building for in person meetings.

Schmidt: I would like you to ask Mr. Ciesielski why they cannot find time in the schedule to allow us to have elections in their facilities. Saad: I agree. The school up the street will be abandoned by the school in 3 years and should we pay to get it back. Sometimes, you wonder if they are a friend of the community that funds them.

Schmidt: It makes the Clerk's job a lot harder having to shuffle around buildings for elections. If Fenton Township can get Lake Fenton Schools to agree and get it to work and I am certain Linden can help Argentine. I was there when Clerk Graves requested this and they had just signed a contract so we lost the dates. They said in the next contract that could be up for consideration.

Public Comment:

Bob Dietrich 7255 Lobdell Rd. I spoke with you last summer about the overcrowding on the lake. I would like to thank the Police Chief for putting the boat out there. It was terrible last summer. We want to avoid that situation this summer. Also I would like to know the legality of the docks located at the apartments next to the Marina.

Adjournment @ 8:01 p.m.

Minutes taken by Becky Nemecheck

Joseph Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor

