

## **Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2019**

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Graves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: T. Hallman, D. Graves, N. Schmidt and S. Conner. Absent: B. Saad.

Moved by D. Graves, seconded by T. Hallman for Treasurer N. Schmidt to conduct the board meeting in the absence of Supervisor B. Saad. Motion passed 4-0.

A moment of silence was held in memory and honor of Troy Michael Aldrich.

Motion, T. Hallman, second, S. Conner to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 24, 2019. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion, T. Hallman, second, S. Conner to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of June 24, 2019. Motion passed 4-0.

**Correspondence is available to view.**

### **Budget Amendments:**

Moved by T. Hallman, seconded by S. Conner to increase # 101-276-932.000 by the amount of \$6,100.00. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion, D. Graves, seconded by T. Hallman to approve payment of expenditures as presented in the board package. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Public comment:**

**Whitehead Drive Drawbridge:** Treasurer Schmidt, being fully aware of the controversy surrounding the bridge, prefaced the comments portion of the agenda item by explaining that the comments will be kept to 2-3 minutes, respectful, orderly and civil. In addition, he said the Township's position will be to monitor the situation with the removal of the bridge being the goal. All State agencies have been notified as well as our State Representatives, the Attorney General's office and Riparian Attorney Mr. Bloom who specializes in these issues.

**Karen Zavitz, 16486 Whitehead Dr.:** Complained about the runoff from the road into her garage even though she installed a French drain. Spoke to the Supervisor and hasn't heard anything additional in a month. **Treasurer Schmidt** advised her that he would have the Supervisor contact her.

**John Whitman, 16105 Whitehead Dr.,** Has there been any conversation with Mr. Bloom at this point? **Treasurer Schmidt** advised that they have had a conversation with him and he is standing by should they need him. The Board has a strategy to deal with this issue.

**John Whitman, 16105 Whitehead Dr.:** Who is providing oversight of the mechanicals on this bridge? EGLE, DNR, DEQ, GCRC and the Township all say it's not them. **Treasurer Schmidt** advised the Township is aware of the fact that it's not safe and is looking into the same issue.

**Deborah Ortwine, 15213 Roach Dr.:** Advised the Board that she has not heard back about her previous question about burning in the Township. **Treasurer Schmidt** advised he would have the Supervisor contact her.

**Jim Wells, 16244 Bird Rd.:** Complained that the free paper that's thrown in the driveway is a nuisance especially when people are gone on vacation. Gives the appearance that no one is

home. Maybe we need a rule against them littering in Argentine. **Treasurer Schmidt** noted Mr. Wells complaint.

**Ken Sprenger, 16425 Belfast Dr.:** Was there a Cease and Desist Order given to the owner and did he wad it up and throw it on the ground? **Treasurer Schmidt** advised that there was a Stop Work Order issued by the Building Inspector and yes he did wad it up

**Attorney D. Lattie** advised that we will be addressing that issue as we progress through this process.

**Barb, 16499 Belfast Dr.:** Why are we waiting to do something about this problem? **Attorney D. Lattie** advised that preliminary jurisdiction regarding the waterways of Argentine Township are held with the State of Michigan. Therefore, they will be addressing this issue first.

**Marty Vyskocil, 8284 Peninsular Dr.** advised the Board that the Boater Safety class was very successful with 28 kids attending this session. He also thanked the Fire Department for the use of the Training room.

**Kimberlee Schaaf, 16181 Softwater Dr.:** When is the Township going to establish some guidelines and procedures in the event this should happen again? **Treasurer Schmidt** we will probably start that process sometime this week.

### **Reports:**

Fire Department- A written report was submitted.

Police Department- A written report was submitted.

Moved by N. Schmidt, seconded by T. Hallman to accept the recommendation and hire Christopher Kish as a part-time Police Officer, subject to a one-year probation period. Motion passed 4-0.

**Building Department-** It was reported we had 22 building permits were issued in the amount of \$10,322.60.

The Planning Commission – no report.

**Attorney Report:** David Lattie gave an oral update. The Hunt case has been settled and the Baumchen case has been adjourned until August of this year.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Cemetery Driveway Improvements.

Moved by N. Schmidt, seconded by S. Conner to award Travis Wahling the bid at a cost of \$6,100.00.

Motion passed 4-0.

### **School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement**

Motion, N. Schmidt, seconded by T. Hallman to approve the agreement as presented.

Motion passed 4-0.

### **Planning Assistance:**

Township Property and Storage Units Survey: Tabled.

**Roads Update:** **Treasurer Schmidt** advised the Genesee County Road Commission is making improvements with our roads in the Township. Lobdell and Seymour being two of them. They are also looking at more gravel, limestone and ditching.

**Resignation Letter from Michael Reilly:**

Our Building Inspector has sent us a letter of resignation. Moved by T. Hallman, seconded by D. Graves to accept the resignation of Michael Reilly from his position as Building Inspector. The Board thanks him for his service to our community. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion N. Schmidt, seconded by D, Graves to hire Steve Sturgis as the Building Official for Argentine Township.  
Motion passed 4-0.

**Business from Board Members:**

**Graves:** We received pavement for the old rescue Unit from the Gov Deals.com company. I want to thank Jane Lefler and Leslie Renckly for taking care of things while I was not able to be at work. Also, for the kindness shown to me and my family in the passing of my grandson.

There being no other business before the Board the Treasurer adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

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Thomas Brooks, Secretary

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Brian Saad, Supervisor