

## **Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2020**

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Graves, present, Schmidt, present, Hallman, present and Saad, present. Absent: Connor.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Graves to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence is available to view.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to approve the budget amendments as recommended by Clerk Graves. Motion passed.

Motion, Saad seconded by Hallman to approve payment of expenditures as presented in the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment: Matt Butterfield- 11445 Seymour Rd., spoke to an ongoing problem with his neighbor relative to a noise complaint. Supervisor Saad told Mr. Butterfield he would talk with Chief Allen and try to resolve the issue.

Reports: Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said the department has had 83 calls so far this year. He presented a tiered pay scale for Board members to consider during this trying time. The department purchased a fogger to disinfect the hall and the vehicles and will make it available to the Police Department and the Township Hall as well. Additionally, he will be presenting a hazard pay incentive at the next board meeting.

Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen said the HVAC ducts have been cleaned. The Chief advised the Board that certain types of calls were increasing during this time of crisis and that his department was staying on top of them. He would also be talking with Board members about a hazard pay incentive in the weeks to come.

Building Department- Saad reported that 8 permits were issued that total \$6,162.40.

The Planning Commission –The Planning Commission has not met since our last meeting.

Attorney: David Lattie advised the Board that he had nothing to discuss at this time.

Old Business: None.

New Business: EMC Insurance

Motion, Saad, seconded by Hallman to accept the terms of the EMC insurance policy. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2020-2 Board Salaries

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to adopt Resolution 2020-2.

Roll Call: Hallman, Yes, Schmidt, yes, Saad, yes, Graves, yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer Schmidt wanted it noted for the record that the Board has not increased Township Board salaries since 2004 which shows that those who run are committed to their community rather than a salary.

Set Budget Workshop Date: Motion, Graves, second, Hallman to set June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. as the date for the budget workshop. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Business from Board Members:

Schmidt- Inquired about meeting date for the June ZBA meeting. There are currently three applications to present to the Board which are under time restraints for posting notices. We can allow the office to proceed and look at June 15<sup>th</sup> as a viable date for the meeting.

Hallman- Also expressed concern for the ZBA meeting date.

Graves- I have been working on a COVID 19-response plan to have ready to pass in case it is required to re-open the office.

The carpets in the Police and Fire Departments and the Township hall, office and lower level carpets were cleaned as well as all vinyl.

A 3/8 in thick tempered glass sneeze guard has been ordered from Stevens Glass. It should be installed within 2 weeks or less. I attempted to get quotes from 3 vendors. One did not return my call, Fenton Glass quoted \$1,125 and Stevens agreed to a discounted price of \$749.99.

Clerk Graves made a request to the Board to authorize her to make to last minute budget amendments before the end of the fiscal year since the next meeting is only 1 day prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad, to allow the Clerk to proceed with her request. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Graves also questioned how the public budget workshop would be conducted in lieu of the Executive Order regarding public meetings. Attorney Lattie will research it and advise the Board.

Saad- Advised he has been talking with the State concerning the dam. There's a great deal of clean-up that needs to be done around the exterior of it and it's going well. The County has developed a workable plan. Bids for the Pathway are coming in high and the Township may have to come up with more money than originally projected.

Adjournment at 7:33 p.m.

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Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor