

Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting April 25, 2016

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Hallman, present, Schmidt present, Graves, present, Cole, present, Ciesielski, present. Absent: none.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Lloyd Burns, Shirley Pharris, Delbert Granger and Illona Eastridge.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by, Ciesielski to adopt the Minutes of March 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Cole, second, Hallman to approve a budget adjustment as recommended by the Clerk. Debit 101-301-702.002 in amount of \$3,000.00 and Credit 101-301-865.000 by \$3,000.00. Motion passed.

Motion, Graves, second, Ciesielski to approve payment of bills as presented in the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment: Richard Brunette- Is the Haviland Beach easement ready to go?

Reports: Jacob Maurer and Victor Lukasavitz gave a joint presentation to inform the board of progress toward the LAFF trail and non-motorized paths. They discussed funding, addressed maintenance concerns, recreational opportunities, and economic benefits of having such a trail in communities. Holly Township and Byron have expressed interest in possibly having trails in their communities also. A few fundraising events are held each year to raise funds for LAFF.

Jason Maurer said his role with the Metropolitan Planning Commission is to provide non-profits with assistance in mapping and grant opportunities.

The LAFF website is www.laffpathways.com

Victor Lukasavitz noted that Planning Commissions need to understand about LAFF since site plans will go through them.

Police Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Allen said Judge Goggins found probable cause to bind the case over for a jury trial in the school shooting threat case.

One officer has had training in administering Narcan. Training will be arranged for the remaining officers.

I am confident that we will get the \$5,800 grant that the department applied for to replace our AED (defibrillators).

We are working on obtaining 5 Winchester 12-gauge shotguns from the Maryland State Police at the cost of shipping from the LESO program.

We are working to add a message on our voice messaging system instructing all to call 911 for all calls, emergency and non-emergency calls. This eliminates a step and sends the call to the officer's computer in the car.

The department would like to add 3 cell phones to be used and checked out for on duty officers to be used for official business only.

Trustee Ciesielski complimented Officer Wilburn for a great job apprehending a suspect that was attempting a break in at River Ridge homes.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said Justin McCormick has graduated from the Fire Academy.

Roger Kelley provided food for the County Fire Chief's meeting. Chief Lafferty expressed his gratitude.

I am asking the board to accept the resignation of Page Resser from the department.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Graves to accept the resignation of Page Resser from the Fire Department. Motion passed.

Epi -Pens will be required to be carried on both of our rescue units. This will add \$1,020.00 to the medical supply costs and would have to be replaced every 12 months. CN Railroad will be closing Duffield Rd, south of Ray Rd. April 25th for approximately 5 days. Gaines Township will cover our area if a response is necessary.

The vehicle selection committee has presented their findings. The price of the Precision model is \$143,526.00 which includes the cost for a 2 # hitch of \$1,100.00 and striping and lettering in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus tires for \$1,334.00.

Building Department: Cole said there were 22 permits issued that total \$14,840.30.

Planning Commission: Trustee Hallman-A meeting was not held this month. I did meet with Kevin and the Building Inspector about the new salt barn. We asked them to paint it a matching color and add landscaping.

Assessor: Cole reviewed the written report, which included the Taxable Value amount of change from 2015 to 2016.

Attorney: Attorney David Lattie gave an oral report. Lattie reviewed the timeline for the eminent domain case on Haviland Beach Dr. easement. Lattie expects to have the easement in place in 28 days. The GCRC has been apprised.

I am recommending we approve a \$12,500.00 to purchase an easement on Whitehead Dr. Motion Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to approve a payment of \$12,500. to Duncan Rogers for an easement on his property. Motion passed.

The owners of the Haviland Beach Property have not been cooperative with the township's effort to purchase the easement from the Willistons. Lattie has recommended we litigate and discontinue all negotiations.

Roach Dr. – Mr. Chynowith case was settled. Mr. Chynowith will have 1 year to complete all aspects of renovation and obtain a certificate of occupancy.

The Bothell property on Tuttle Dr. will be demolished and all junk removed within 90 days. A slab foundation may be left and only a stick built structure can go on it in the future. No personal property or debris can be placed on the property.

The Legan property on Knobhill is scheduled in court on June 1st for approval to be demolished.

Our Building Inspector needs to provide 3 estimates of demolition costs for the property on Roach Dr. for his irrevocable letter of credit naming the township in the event he does not complete his work by the 1-year deadline.

Kevin Cleaver sent language about the boat structures to be reviewed.

Old Business: Open Bids for Lawn Mowing/ Snow Plowing- Tabled

New Business: Resolution 2016-1 Moratorium of Medical Marihuana Dispensaries. Attorney Lattie has recommended the moratorium be extended. Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Graves to adopt Resolution 2016-1 declaring a moratorium on the establishment of Medical Marihuana dispensaries. Discussion: Cole asked attorney Lattie if there is any law that allows a dispensary. Lattie said some communities have allowed this. Cole asked why it is necessary to approve the resolution for a moratorium. Lattie said the Court of Appeals has ruled that Dispensaries are not legal. Cole said this is the 6th time we have done this. Cole said he wanted the Planning Commission to look at this and decide what they want to do with these.

Roll Call: Cole, Yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, Ciesielski, yes, Hallman, yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Salary Resolutions:

Cole said we need to establish elected official's salaries for the next fiscal year. Motion, Schmidt, seconded by, Hallman to adopt Resolution 2016-2 Supervisor Salary.

Roll call: Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Ciesielski, yes. Motion passed. Resolution adopted.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Cole to adopt Resolution 2016-3 Clerk Salary- Roll call: Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes, Graves, no, Ciesielski, yes. Motion passed. Resolution adopted.

Motion, Cole, second, Hallman to adopt Resolution 2016-4 Treasurer Salary. Roll call: Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Ciesielski, yes, Schmidt, yes, Cole, yes. Motion passed. Resolution adopted.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Graves to adopt Resolution 2016-5 Trustee Salary. Roll call: Ciesielski, yes, Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes. Motion

passed. Resolution adopted.

Public comment: Laurie Willyerd- Asked if the police department could have a crime map available like Grand Blanc does.

Asked why we do not have online burn permits available yet.

Expressed her opposition to paying any extra assessment for proposed trails.

Brian Saad- Asked if we have checked with other townships that have online permits.

Jason LaCelle- asked about petitions for White Oaks Dr. expiration timeframe.

Business from Board Members:

Schmidt- We have a gentleman who paid for a building permit for 16229 Knobhill Dr. and was seriously ill and is unable to start his project.

Motion, Cole, seconded by Hallman to issue a refund on the permit fee for 16229 Knobhill Dr. Motion passed.

I gave each of you a list on open building permits. There are those with multiple extensions. I ask this board how many times do we want to allow an extension to a permit. Cole asked Lattie to check what other communities he represents do and report back to us.

Schmidt reported that he has sold 2 land locked parcels that the township owned on Bouchner Dr.

A meeting will be held on Friday for Ripple Dr. 2 Neighbors are splitting the property. It will be sold for \$7,000.

Hallman- I think we should have alternates on the ZBA and Planning Commission. Mr. Lattie will check and we will discuss next month.

Ciesielski- I have been working on the Pathway easements. I got one signed today. I want to check with our engineer about a survey that would be in the \$10,000. range.

Graves-

The office will be open on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for absentee voting. The special school election is Tuesday, May 3rd.

Schmidt brought up an issue that he and Clerk Graves have been discussing. There is a serious shortage of parking space for large elections. Graves said there are requirements to establish a polling place. We only have a few places that would qualify. There are laws to comply with, logistics and costs associated in moving a polling place. Graves expects we will move at least 1 precinct for the November Presidential election. Since straight party voting has been eliminated, the Clerk's office is encouraging voters who qualify to obtain an absentee ballot to avoid the expected long lines.

Cole- We have information on the Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Day on May 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. I will ask Linden Schools to host a Waste Recycle Day in the future. If they agree, we may participate with a financial contribution in the future.

I met with our cemetery sexton and PJ's Mapping Service about doing ground penetrating radar in the oldest section of the cemetery. It dates back to 1838. There are people buried there with no headstone or marker. There are open lots. Families are buried

there. It is a waste to allow these lots to sit there when there are families who could use them. We will get an 18X 24 map and 2 CDs that list the names of each person buried there. And year. I am asking the board to allow me to sign the contract. The initial cost will be for half down. Motion, Schmidt, second, Cole to authorize Cole to sign a contract with PJ'sMapping. For the old section of Argentine Cemetery. Motion passed.

Public comment: Jason LeCelle suggested a shuttle service to the polls.

Marie Robinson- Most people do not understand that you do not have to be over 60 to vote an absentee ballot. We should let everyone know that they can vote Absentee.

Laurie Willyard- Do we have a junk car ordinance?

Adjournment@ 8:43 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor