

## **Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting May 23, 2016**

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Joyce Ciesielski, Ken Beard, Dave Hollenbeck, Betty Ryan, Albert Grignani, and David Ward.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to adopt the minutes of April 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of May 12, 2016 Special Board Meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Ciesielski, second, Hallman to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

Motion, Graves, second, Schmidt to approve payment of bills as printed. Motion passed.

Public comment: None

Reports: Police Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. Chief said the transfer of shotguns to us is complete and the guns have been placed in service.

I attached 3 quotes to purchase cell phones for our officers to carry.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Cole to allow Chief Allen to purchase the Verizon package for 3 smart phones at a cost of \$151.80 a month before taxes. Motion passed.

A State of Michigan pre-LEIN audit inspection revealed that we have upgrades that are needed to be in compliance with state standards. I have attached bids from T. Daniels. It will cost about \$4,000.00 to replace the router and the server.

We can revisit this in June when we see where we are with the budget or wait until the next budget year.

I received a letter from a resident regarding their missing brother that was located. The letter expressed thanks to Officer Crooks, Detective Fulton and Tim Burchett.

Chief Allen congratulated our newest Officer Jeff Mulnix, who was recognized for graduating the Police Academy receiving the award for top academics and also received the MCOLES best in class award.

School Resource Officer Paul Brooks, Detective Doug Fulton and Officer Tony Matthews were given Certificates of Commendation for their work in preventing a school shooting last October at Linden High and Middle School.

Fire Department:

Chief Lafferty had no report. Lt. Kurtz answered questions from last month regarding the rescue unit selection. The chassis must be ordered by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Ciesielski to approve the purchase of a chassis from Deery Brothers in the amount of \$45,519.00.

Discussion: Cole- the department will bring their box selection to us next month.

Motion passed.

Building Department: Supervisor Cole reported that 10 permits were issued that total \$9,298.87.

Planning Commission: Trustee Hallman – Kevin Cleaver, Hallman and Stuart Worthing will get together to approve the site plan for the cell tower and then bring it to the board for their approval.

Assessor Report-A written report was submitted.

Attorney- Attorney Lattie gave an oral report.

Attorney Lattie – The trial date in the Argentine Township vs. Legan has been postponed until July 26<sup>th</sup> due to a criminal trial that takes priority on the court docket.

In the Haviland beach easement case, Mr. Williston still has the ability to protest the amount the appraisers found the value to be at \$15,000.00. We should have the easement in 14 to 21 days. We have a language dispute with the property owner on Whitehead Drive.

Old Business: Lawn Mowing Bids.

Motion, Cole, second, Hallman to accept the bid for lawn mowing from our current provider, Royalty. Motion passed.

Open bids for heating and cooling.

Cole went over the bids. Schmidt noted the BTU difference in the quotes.

Graves said Ken Hardin seems to offer a better system for the money.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to accept the bid from Ken Hardin for heating and cooling with an increase in the tonnage of the air conditioner Motion passed.

New Business: 2015/2016 Audit.

Schmidt reminded the board what a savings this is from years past when we paid \$40,000 to \$60,000 a year.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Ciesielski to authorize the Treasurer to sign the letter of engagement with auditor Yeo & Yeo to complete our annual audit. Motion passed.

Set Budget Workshop Date

Cole said we will hold a budget workshop on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting Date: Motion, Cole, seconded by, Graves to set the Annual Meeting Date to be held on June 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Budget Hearing Date: Motion, Cole, second, Hallman to set the Budget Hearing Date on June 27, 2016 during the Annual Board Meeting. Motion passed.

#### Approval of 2016/2017 Meeting Schedule

Cole said everyone has a copy of the proposed meeting date schedule in your packets. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to adopt the meeting schedule as presented. Motion passed.

Car Show- Cole asked the board to allow him to go to the Road Commission and start the process to get a permit for the parade.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to authorize Supervisor Cole to obtain a parade permit for the Car Show. Motion passed.

#### No Parking Zone on Cole Rd.

Cole said we received letters about the situation on Cole Rd bridge parking.

Letters from residents are attached.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Cole to allow Supervisor to start the process with the GCRC for no parking on both sides of the Cole Rd. bridge. Motion passed.

#### Township Liability Insurance

Cole said he spoke with our insurance company and decided not to turn in the claim for damage to the posts on Island Court

The insurance proposal is equal to our current policy. There is a 3% increase in cost.

Motion, Cole, seconded by Hallman to contract with the Ted Hartleb Agency for general Liability insurance. Motion passed.

Public comment: Richard Burnette- Was the survey work on Haviland Beach related to solving the drain issue?

Marie Robinson- Asked for clarification on the dates of the budget meeting.

Angela Bothell- Asked for clarification on Cole Rd. parking issue.

#### Business from Board Members:

Schmidt- A new home is being built on Whitehead Dr. It will be serviced by a Simplex Pump Station. The owner has asked to be allowed to tap into the adjacent Simplex Pump Station.

Cole suggested we have Wastewater Services take a photo of the system for protection from damages.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Cole to allow the homeowner to tap into the adjacent Simplex System. Motion passed.

The Board has authorized the treasurer to handle bank issues. I wanted to tell you about a program where the bank would invest our money into different banks at the going rate. This will insure us at the FDIC insurance rate which is up to \$250,000. per account. We can not choose which banks to invest in but can opt out of some. Schmidt will pursue this since there was no objection from Board Members.

Schmidt asked Mr. Lattie to update us on the questions from last month. Lattie said the ZBA can have up to 2 alternates. The Planning Commission can not have any alternates. Regarding the building permit extension issue, Lattie will get back to us.

Hallman- When is the dam inspection scheduled?

The Lobdell /Bennett Lake Association have a fish stocking and fish shelter program. I spoke to Attorney Lattie and was told that the Lake Association can use monies from the assessment because this is considered a lake improvement.

Motion, Hallman, second Schmidt to allow the Lobdell / Bennett Lake Association for the fish stocking program from the ongoing assessment. Motion passed.

Ciesielski- We need a sanitary sewer easement for the walkway via the Maurice Ryan property. We need \$2,331.91 to secure this sewer easement.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve payment of \$2,331.91 for easement.

Motion passed.

The site plan in Woods at River Ridge was not completed. Our attorney said we need HOA approval to make this a private road.

Cole said our ordinance does not allow for a private road unless we amend it. I asked Mr. Lattie to bring us the language to make this a private road.

Ciesielski said the HOA leadership is not in agreement with this.

Lattie said either the GCRC has to own the road or the HOA because the Township can not own the road.

Graves- We are getting close to the end of our fiscal year. I ask the board to authorize me to make necessary amendments to balance all line items in the budget.

Moved by Cole, seconded by Hallman to authorize the Clerk to amend the budgets to ensure all line items will not be over budget at the end of the fiscal year. Motion passed.

Cole- I met with Southern Lakes Parks & Rec today. They are looking at a parcel to have a park and canoe launch retrieval. This property would be leased to Southern Lakes & Rec.

Cole went to a picnic on Saturday for Eric Jones. Cole said he is so proud of Eric Jones and the fact that Argentine Township has that kind of talented people living here.

Adjournment @ 8:15 p.m.

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Denise Graves, Clerk

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Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor