

Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting June 27, 2016

Call to order @ 7: 00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dave Jones, Shirley Pharris, Laverne Wykes, and Dave Grignani.

Motion, Hallman, second, Ciesielski to adopt the minutes of May 23, 2016 Regular Board and June 9, 2016 Board Workshop as printed. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Hallman asked about the grinder station issue with the homeowner on Windwood Beach Dr.

Motion, Hallman, second, Cole to approve the County to take over the grinder station. Motion passed.

Budget Adjustments: Board members were given a copy of amendments made by Clerk Graves.

Motion, Schmidt, second Cole, to authorize the clerk to amend the budget to balance line items for fiscal year end as needed. Motion passed.

Cole reminded the board that last month our Clerk was given authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget line items for the fiscal year end. The Clerk documented the changes and everyone has a copy.

Motion, Ciesielski, seconded by, Cole to approve payment of bills as printed with additional bills paid in the amount of \$62,059.11. Motion passed.

Public comment:

Leonard Brousseau has purchased the restaurant on Lobdell Lake. It will be named Ekklesia, a Greek word for gathering place. Mr. Brousseau said he plans for it to be a good, family place, a fun place. He wants it to be the Disneyland of Argentine Township. He is open to ideas for fun things to do. Mr. Brousseau resides in the Township, on Murray Rd. Ekklesia will serve fun foods like Pizza, burgers, fish and chicken wings. They will have entertainment. If anyone has ideas for fun things, Mr. Brousseau can be reached at 810-827-6234.

Reports: Police Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report.

In the new budget year, there is money to purchase a new vehicle. We have a vehicle on hold.

Motion, Cole, seconded by Ciesielski to authorize Chief Allen to purchase a 2016 Chevy Tahoe all-wheel drive, pursuit rated police vehicle for \$38,400.00 and the cost of extra equipment. Motion passed.

Since May, we have had 3 stolen vehicles, all with the keys left in them, in the township. We have 2 suspects. We have good impressions of 2 sets of footprints.

We received a letter a student, Danielle Kroll, at Linden High School. Danielle is expressing her gratitude for Resource Officer Ken Engel and the difference he made in her school experience.

With the assistance of Treasurer Schmidt, we picked up a flag pole to fly the US and Michigan flags. We have a solar light to illuminate the flags at night. We have an estimate from Royalty Services for installation and preparation in the amount of \$1,956.25. This will be paid for in the next budget year.

Cole moved to accept Royalty's quote. Ciesielski seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chief Allen said they are investigating a death by train accident. It is possible that the man was struck by 2 different trains at different times. The man had ID on him but his name is being withheld until confirmation.

We are working on obtaining a boat and trailer to use on the lakes.

We need to adopt the Michigan State Marine laws. Cole asked Mr. Lattie to present the Board with language for us to adopt.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty.

The control point for the tornado siren is complete. We now have the ability to set off our siren.

The chassis is complete and ready to be sent to the dealership. We mad a few cuts and saved over \$12,500.00 on the chassis. Our decision for the manufacturer of the box will be Simon Fire Equipment. The cost of the chassis will be \$32,900. Simon will require a \$10,000. deposit to start work on the box.

Hallman asked what the time frame of completion is. It will take 90-120 days. The cost for the Simon module is \$91,996.

Building Department: Supervisor Cole reported that 18 permits were issued that total \$11,696.80.

Planning Commission: Trustee Hallman said the Planning Commission has not met.

Attorney- Attorney David Lattie – We resolved easements for Whitehead Dr. and Haviland Beach Dr. The Whitehead case will be dismissed. The Williston's are contesting our offer. We think our offer is fair. We will continue with this.

I met with the neighbors of the Legan property. I took photos of the property. Both are willing to testify.

Schmidt said we have a condemnation we want to pursue at 8070 Silver lake Rd. Our Building Inspector recommends we move forward to demolish the home.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Graves to move forward with condemnation proceedings of 8070 Silver Lake Rd. Motion passed.

Lattie said he will have something to us in a few days regarding his meeting with Ms. Wenzlick.

Old Business: None.

Final Approval for Martial Arts Academy

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman for final approval of the site plan for 7007 Silver Lake Rd. proposed private school as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion passed.

Final Approval for Skyway Towers.

Motion, Cole seconded by Hallman to give final approval as recommended by the Planning Commission for Skyway Towers site plan. Motion passed.

2015/2016 Special Revenue Budget Amendments

Motion, Graves, second, Cole to adopt the list as presented. Motion passed.

2016/2017 Budget.

Adopt 2016-2017 Budget:

Cole said at the Annual Meeting it was recommended that the proposed 2016/2017 budget is brought to the board for approval. Revenue is projected at \$1,728,235.00 Expenses are planned at \$1,728,235.00. The budget is balanced.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to adopt the 2016/2017 budget as presented. Motion passed.

2016/2017 Special Revenue Budget:

Schmidt presented the 2016/2017 Special Revenue Budget.

Motion, Graves, second, Cole to adopt the 2016/2017 Special Revenue Budget as projected. Motion passed.

School Resource Officer Agreement-

Motion, Graves, seconded by Ciesielski to accept the terms of the Linden Schools contract for the School Resource Officer. Motion passed.

Lobdell/ Bennett Lakes Fireworks- Motion, Hallman, seconded by Cole to approve the Lobdell/ Bennett Lake fireworks permit. Motion passed.

Set Special Assessment Hearing Date.

The Special Assessment Hearing Date will be set for August, 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion passed.

Ordinance # 68 Regulating the Acceptance of Private Roads in Argentine Township.

Lattie proposed the language of this ordinance. Cole recommends we adopt it.

Motion, Ciesielski, second, Graves to adopt Ordinance # 68 regulating the acceptance of private roads in Argentine Township.

Discussion: Lattie said the goal is to recognize an entity that wants to make repairs and service the road.

Cole, Yes, Ciesielski, yes, Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes and Graves, yes. Motion passed, Ordinance #68 is adopted.

Public Comment:

Business from Board Members:
Schmidt- None.

Hallman- None.

Graves- None.

Ciesielski- Supervisor Cole and I are working together. We attended a meeting about the Safe Route to Schools program. We plan to apply for a \$400,000. grant which is \$200,000. for each of the 2 schools. They indicated they are willing to fund our project. The cost of the project is \$700,000. We can remove some items from the project to lower the cost. We can accept in-kind donations that can help with matching funds. We are looking at 2018 for this. We will send in an application for grant on October 31st. I would also like us to apply for a Fenton Community Fund grant. We are moving forward!

Cole --None.

Public comment: None.

Adjournment @ 7:55 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor