

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2016

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Cole, present, Schmidt, present, Hallman, present, Ciesielski, present, and Graves, present.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Graves to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting July 25, 2016, and the minutes of August 15, 2016 Special Assessment Needs and Cost Hearings. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Graves, second, Cole approve a budget adjustment, debit 101-371-727.000 in the amount of \$300.00 and credit 101-371-958.000 in the amount of \$300.00. Motion passed.

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

Public comment: Lenny Brousseau, owner of Ekklesia. - We have been open 5 weeks now and things are going well. Graves asked if there were any items that were Gluten-Free on the menu and if the staff was knowledgeable regarding cross-contamination with gluten.

Nick Nichols- My wife Pam and I are the new owners of the property at 8070 Silver Lake Rd. I understand you want to demolish the house. I have an engineer's report I will leave with you stating it is sound enough to restore.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen reviewed the report. Officers Lampkowski, Crooks and Matthews were interviewed for the full-time position that is available. An interview board asked all candidates the same questions and awarded points. The top scoring candidate was Officer Anthony Matthews. Chief Allen is recommending that Officer Mathews be awarded the full-time position.

Motion Schmidt, seconded by Cole to promote Officer Anthony Matthews to the position of full-time police officer. Motion passed.

Five candidates for the position of part-time police officer were interviewed. Chief Allen is recommending that Maria Reed and Matthew Jenkinson be hired as part-time police officers. Matthew Jenkinson is a sergeant with the Canton Township Police Department and is retiring from that position. Jenkinson will fill the SRO position at Linden Schools. Motion, Schmidt, second, Cole to hire Maria Reed and Matthew Jenkinson as part-time police officers, subject to passing a background check and 1-year probationary period. Motion passed.

The police vehicle equipment should be in next week.

Vic Canever is discounting our labor fleet rate from \$103/ hour to \$80. /hour for repairs in appreciation of our business.

Flag pole has been installed. And landscaping is completed.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty gave an oral report. Chief Lafferty said the chassis for the new rescue unit was picked up and taken to Simon Fire Equipment & Repair. The construction of the module will begin soon.

In preparation for the winter season and the issue with snow falling off the roof and blocking the bay doors, I have 6 estimates for installing a plow on our pick up truck. I also have a quote to replace the bottom panel of the first 4 bay doors.

Motion, Ciesielski, second, Graves to authorize Chief Lafferty to purchase a plow for the pick up truck for \$6,225 or less. Motion passed.

Motion, Graves, second, Schmidt to authorize Chief Lafferty to spend \$2,071.16 to have the bottom panel of the first 4 bay doors replaced. Motion passed.

Firefighter Molly Reeser has resigned from the department as of 8-29, 2016.

Motion, Graves, second, Hallman to accept the resignation of Molly Reeser as fire-fighter. Motion passed.

We will have training for a refresher course to help investigators and we will also invite surrounding departments.

The car show last weekend went well.

Engineer Kevin Brown has requested a leave of absence due to his work schedule.

Moved by Cole, seconded by Hallman to allow Kevin Brown to take a leave of absence from the Fire Dept. Motion passed,

Building Department- A written report was submitted. Supervisor Cole reported 16 permits were issued in the amount of \$9,750.00.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Hallman said the PC met. There was a misunderstanding about the posting requirement for a public hearing. We will hold this next month. The PC wants to know how the Township plans to enforce the new ordinances.

We requested a joint meeting with the office staff, ZBA, PC and Township Board to facilitate a better understanding of procedures.

Assessor Report- A written report was submitted. Cole read the report. Assessor Lori Cash will be hold office hours on Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. instead of Saturday mornings. The assistant assessor is in the office on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Attorney Report: David Lattie- Attorney Lattie discussed the Nichols case at 8070 Silver Lake Rd. A complaint was filed based on the opinion of our Building Inspector. The property changed owners. It was sold on a land contract to Mr. Nichols. The plan is to repair it. There is evidence of Vermin. I think our Building Inspector was correct that the building should be condemned. Are we willing to set a timeline that will accommodate the township in getting repairs done? We would get the immediate problems solved under the supervision of the court. I gave the new owner a copy of the lawsuit. With your

permission, I will speak with their attorney, our Building Inspector and Supervisor Cole to see if we can agree on what to do. Schmidt noted that the engineering must be willing to put their professional reputation on the line if they state the house can be repaired. Mr. Lattie was instructed to move forward.

9301 Tuttle Dr. - the neighbors report a lack of progress. This property has not been cleaned up. I will check on it tomorrow and go back to Judge Neithercut and ask the court to hold to our agreement.

Haviland Beach condemnation case for easement should be complete soon.

16135 Knobhill Dr. dock issue- I am trying to work out a resolution to avoid court.

Old Business: Set Special Assessments:

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Cole to adopt the 2016/ 2017 Special Assessment list.

Motion passed.

New Business: Ordinance #69 Civil Infractions of Certain Township Ordinances.

Mr. Lattie said this ordinance will allow our ordinance violations to be handled as civil infractions and to be handled at district court. Issues such as blight will have the court order the issue to be resolved and a fine issued as a district judge can resolve the issue. We will be dealing with civil rather than criminal cases. Special tickets will be printed. We can always go to circuit court if necessary.

Motion, Graves, seconded by Hallman to adopt Ordinance #69. Motion passed.

Ordinance #70 Civil infractions and Penalties.

This ordinance sets penalties for violation of ordinances.

Motion, Graves, seconded by Schmidt to adopt Ordinance #70. Motion passed.

Ordinance# 71 Repeal Ordinance 16, 16-6, 16-8, 16-9 and replace with ordinance 71.

This is essentially adoption of the State Building Code. Schmidt noted that we have already repealed 16. Motion, Hallman, seconded by Ciesielski to adopt Ordinance #71. Motion passed.

Ordinance# 72 2015 Property Maintenance code.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Graves to adopt Ordinance #72. Motion passed.

Ordinance #73 Amend Certain Ordinances

Motion, Ciesielski, seconded by Schmidt to adopt Ordinance #73. Motion passed.

Ordinance # 35 F and Amend section 35-E

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Ciesielski to adopt Ordinance #35-F Motion passed.

Resolution 2016-6 Pathway Maintenance.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-6 was offered by Ciesielski, seconded by Hallman.

Discussion: Hallman asked for clarification on who is responsible for which section.

Ciesielski said if we want this pathway, we will have to maintain it. This is a requirement to apply for a grant. Graves asked if the endowment would cover the maintenance costs.

Since we do not have a DPW, we would have to contract out the snow removal. Graves said she believes we can afford to do this.

Roll Call: Yes: Graves, Cole, Ciesielski, Schmidt, and Hallman.

No:

Motion passed. Resolution 2016-6 is adopted.

Resolution 2016-7 Retiree Health Care.

This resolution defines who is eligible for healthcare provided by the Township in retirement and at what age the retiree is eligible to meet the requirements. It excludes elected and appointed officials as well as supersedes any previous resolutions, ordinances and motions regarding retiree health care benefits.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Ciesielski to adopt Resolution 2016-7 for retiree health benefits.

Discussion: Cole- I am not opposed, but it appears that this resolution will affect 1 person. My biggest problem is the age of 60 years and older. Our employee has 34 years of service and she would like to retire in 1 ½ years and move to Tennessee.

Ciesielski- I don't mind passing this. We are taking care of this employee. Our township has a 401K type of matched retirement fund to provide for retirement. We need to reduce our legacy costs. Rarely do townships contribute to health care for the rest of a retiree's life any longer.

Cole- Mr. Lattie represents other townships that do. The age limit has pinned it so our employee can not retire if she wants to until age 60 to receive this benefit. I believe this is not fair.

Roll Call: Ciesielski, yes

Hallman: Yes

Schmidt, Yes

Cole, No

Graves, Yes.

Resolution 2016-7 is adopted.

Computer Services- Tabled.

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate

Cole is recommending Mark Ruhlig be appointed.

Motion, Cole, second, Hallman to appoint Mark Ruhlig to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate. Motion Passed.

Public comment: A resident asked for audio to be turned on as it is difficult to hear what is being said.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman- Thanks to our Police Chief, we will have an officer volunteer their time on the boat for the Fireworks.

What is going on with the guardrail at the dam?

Cole read a letter from the GCRC regarding what solution is intended for the dam.

Ciesielski- A \$7,700. grant we applied for will be announced if approved on September 14th. On September 8th, we are applying for TAP funds.

Schmidt- I would like to get some parcels listed for sale. These are the parcels to be advertised for sale at the minimum bid or higher as listed below.

01-27-501-150 McCaslin Lake \$2,907.00

01-34-626-061 Pine Walk \$25,000.00
Has sewer tap
in paid and a
well.

01-27-576-016 McCaslin Lake \$2,346.00

01-27-576-017 Sell all three

01-27-576-018

01-27-501-053 15221 Roach \$1,000.00

01-27-501-171 15191 Roach \$1,000.00

Motion, Cole, second, Hallman to advertise these properties for sale. Motion passed.

What do we need to do to get Mr. Baumchen on the sewer system?

I sent an email to Mr. Peivandi at the road commission asking when Whitehead Dr. and Haviland Beach Dr. will be bid out. He assured me it will be this September.

Graves- I am asking the board to approve a resolution to temporarily relocate 2 precincts for the November general election due to parking and other issues related to an expected high turnout of voters. I move this board adopt Resolution 2016-8.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Schmidt to adopt Resolution 2016-8.

Roll Call; Graves- yes, Schmidt, Yes, Cole, yes, Ciesielski, yes and Hallman, yes. Motion passed.

Cole- I received a letter form McKone law firm. Genesee County Road Commission is seeking the assistance of townships processing requests to place poles, conduits, towers and related hardware in the road right- of -ways under the Metro Act. The GCRC requests that whenever our township receives a request for an installment in the right- of- way, that a copy be forwarded to Mr. John Daly at the GCRC. The GCRC will review the request for safety and legality.

Cole said he also received a letter from TALM Enterprises LLC. It was a welcome to the Board of trustees introducing their group and outlining their plans to open a 55 + seat occupancy breakfast/lunch café in the former Wolcott Mill property. The Building 1975 Café is to be developed in Phase II) will be used for evening dining.

Cole said this will require up to 7 additional sewer taps.

Anthony Lividotti came forth and said his group owns the property. He is aware of the cost for sewer taps. The former owner left the building in poor condition. He has spent a lot to repair the roof from leaking. Schmidt noted that deed restrictions are in place.

Cole said there is a stop work order and said stop means stop! Please get necessary permits.

Public comment: none.

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor