

## **Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2016**

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Graves, Hallman, Cole, Schmidt, and Ciesielski. Absent: None.

Motion, Hallman, second, Schmidt to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 26, 2016 and October 3, 2016. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve payment of expenditures as presented in the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment: Drew Shapiro introduced himself. He is a candidate for the 6<sup>th</sup> district County Commission seat. His priority will be to be available and accessible to meet the needs of his constituents. He opposes the proposed Metroplex and wants to modernize our animal control. Treasurer Schmidt thanked Mr. Shapiro for coming to our meeting.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. A part-time police officer position was posted on MCOLES. 15 people applied and it has been narrowed to 4. I am doing background checks and will interview. Officer Paul Brooks is moving out of state and has resigned. We will be doing our firearms training at the gravel pit. The GCRC has given us permission.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty reviewed his report. Chief Lafferty thanked all who attended the open house. The department will be partnering with Flint Fire Department for assistance with Devil's night fire calls. We will be stationed at Flint Fire Station One and will provide a truck and fire-fighters starting at 6 p.m. on Oct 30, 2016.

Building Department- Cole reported 13 permits were issued in the amount of \$5,030.00.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Hallman said the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding boat structures with solid steel and aluminum roofs.

Assessor Report- Assessor Lori Cash submitted a written report. Cole said we received the AMAR review and we are good until the year 2019. Cole said he is proud of everyone's effort to achieve this.

Motion, Cole second Hallman to authorize the Clerk to sign the KCI document. Motion passed.

Attorney Report: David Lattie- We have a building and zoning case at 16207 Knobhill Dr. We received a letter from Mr. Groves who is rehabilitating the property. A court

agreement was for permits to be applied for immediately. He wrote a letter and said he is making progress with the clean up of the yard. The permits have not been applied for yet. His timeline is not working for us. If the board agrees I will go back to court and ask for this to be accelerated.

We have several cases when a building permit has been extended beyond 1 year. I am picking up the Civil Infraction tickets tomorrow. With this, we hope to resolve old permit issues.

I found the Baumchen case file from 1988. The court decided this in 1990. He will be required to hook to the sewer. Schmidt asked for a timeline. It was agreed that January is reasonable. If he does not comply by then we will take bids and install the sewer. .

We need to reaffirm if a dock is an accessory structure and discuss this to make a decision.

Old Business: Snow Removal Agreement: Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Ciesielski to authorize the clerk to sign the snow removal contract with Royalty Services. Motion passed.

ZBA Appointment – Motion, Cole, seconded by Hallman to accept the resignation of Matt Mowinski due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed.

Motion, Cole, seconded by Hallman to appoint Mark Ruhlig to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion passed.

New Business:

Accept Year End Audit:

Schmidt noted that the audit was completed a month ago. The audit has been better every year. I am pleased with the job our clerk is doing with journal entries and with our auditing firm. Motion, Cole, seconded by Schmidt to accept the findings of the 2015/2016 audit from Yeo & Yeo. Motion passed.

Accept Resignation From Paul Brooks:

Motion, Cole, second, Hallman to accept the resignation of officer Paul Brooks from the police department effective October 19, 2016. Motion passed.

Accept resignation from Matt Mowinski:

Motion, Cole, second, Graves to accept the resignation of Matt Mowinski from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 10/21/2016. Motion passed.

FOIA Appeal request from Christina Granger:

Cole asked Attorney Lattie for his recommendation. Lattie recommended we grant the appeal. Dates of birth and personal information will be excluded. Names will be included. Motion, Cole, second, Graves to accept the FOIA Appeal Request from Christina Granger. Discussion- Schmidt asked if personal information would be redacted such as names of the victims. Lattie cited case law. Motion passed 4-1. Schmidt voted no.

Poverty Guidelines:

Motion, Cole, second, Schmidt to adopt the 2016 poverty exemption guidelines with an increase of \$1,000.00 per line. Motion passed.

Public comment: Christina Granger 313 N. Saginaw St. Byron, Mi. Asked for clarification of what will be included. Asked what the next step would be. Expressed her thought that it should not have been this difficult to obtain what she asked.

Richard Crooks- 16126 Crest Dr. Linden. Asked about personal posts on Facebook for an employee of the police department. Asked about an alleged forged document referring to MCOLES. Asked if anyone talked about this in the past.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman- None.

Ciesielski- We are completing a survey for a grant from the Safe routes to Schools. We are putting together an action plan. It should be in January. The grant is hoped for \$250,000.00. It is possible to move the project completion up sooner if we can borrow the money until the grant is available or find a philanthropist who is willing to advance the funding.

Graves thanked Ciesielski and Cole for the work they have done to make the LAFF trail possible.

Graves- The office will be open for absentee voting on Saturday November 5th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We received a reimbursement check to cover our costs of the Presidential Primary from the State of Michigan.

I want to thank my deputy clerk Jane Lefler, Leslie Renckly, Diana Wilkerson, for assistance testing the new ballots, and Phyllis Pross and Linda Schmidt for pitching in and helping with the re-issuing process of the new ballots. It was a tedious job. I could not have done it alone.

We have a process in place to handle the original and new replacement ballots. A new ballot can not be issued until the original one is spoiled in the QVF. No one can vote twice!

Schmidt- Nothing.

Cole – Thank you to Teresa Ciesielski for her work in getting these grants for the pathway. Also, thank you to our new resident Mr. Nichols who decorated the front entrance with corn stalks and pumpkins. It looks nice.

Adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

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Denise Graves, Clerk

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Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor