

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2017

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Graves, Hallman, Conner, Schmidt, and Saad. Absent: None.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 25, 2017, and October 11, 2017. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

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

Public comment: Deborah Ortwine- spoke about ongoing harassment between her and neighbors. Wants a change in policy at Police Department to allow for video surveillance.

Reports:

Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. The department has completed firearms training on the Glock 17 Gen 5 duty pistols. Argentine township is the first agency in the state to be carrying the Glock 17 duty pistols, as it is the newest model from Glock. The department went live implementing the Premiere One Records Management System (RMS) and all officers have been trained. The system has been loaded in all patrol vehicles replacing the former system ARMS.

Suspects in 2 separate break-ins have been arrested and the stolen items recovered after a sting operation was set up.

Fire Department- No report was submitted. Chief Lafferty has an excused absence.

Building Department- Saad reported 24 permits were issued in the amount of \$10,867.30.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission did not meet since last Board meeting.

Assessor Report: No report.

Attorney Report: David Lattie- 16199 Seymour Rd- Code enforcement officer issued a citation. This may require some discovery on the issues that require the Board to authorize me to go to circuit court.

Motion by Schmidt, second by Saad to authorize Mr. Lattie to file suit regarding our property maintenance code on property at 16199 Seymour Rd.

Violation at 14380 Duffield. Code officer issued citation on property. Owners have not complied as of this time. We can seek bids for removal and storage of non-junk items to remove the blight. Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to seek bids on removal of junk and storage of non-junk items on property at 14380 Duffield Rd. Motion passed.

8226 Peninsular Drive- there are allegations regarding the number of dogs stored on property. The allegations are that between 4 and 14 dogs are being boarded and breed and grooming. This type of kennel would require a special use permit. There are possibly violations of our noise ordinance too. How do you want me to proceed?

The Board wants to start with our Municipal Civil Infraction ticketing.

Graves asked about 16207 Knobhill. The owner is scheduled to come to the ZBA meeting on November 6th. They are to bring back a structural engineer's report. The judge said one way or another, this issue will be resolved and this issue will end in December.

Old Business:

Lobdell Lake Dam- The County Road Commission has submitted a plan to repair the bridge. The work will start in a few weeks. The work will be done to meet the State safety requirements. This is the GCRC's responsibility and their bridge. Schmidt met with the GCRC. They are moving forward with cutting off the cement rails 3 inches above grade. This will be done by the end of this year.

Building Inspector Position-

Steve Sturgis is an experienced builder. He will partner with Mike Reilly, who is currently doing our Building Inspector work, while Mr. Sturgis obtains his certification.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves, to hire Steve Sturgis as Building Inspector, subject to a 1-year probation period, to be paid \$16,000 a year. Motion passed.

Bid for Bauchen Sewer Line-

Schmidt said this is only for the trunk line.

We only received one estimate from Waldorf & Sons, Inc. In the amount of \$11,480.00.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to accept estimate # 5679 from Waldorf & Sons Inc. in the amount of \$11,480.00 for the sewer lead at 16267 Seymour Rd, Motion passed.

Permit Fees-

Supervisor Saad said that he has gathered information on what similar sized townships charge for a permit. It is his recommendation that we lower our fee from \$300.00 to \$200.00 and have better enforcement to ensure compliance. Moved by Saad, seconded by Conner to lower the permit fee to \$200.00 for roofing and siding. \$100.00 will be the deposit. Motion passed.

New Business:

Royalty Snow Contract-

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to authorize Supervisor Saad to sign the 2017-2018 snow removal agreement with Royalty Services Inc. Motion passed.

Metro Planning Alliance-

Motion, Graves, seconded by Hallman to pay dues of \$150.00 to renew our membership with Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance and designate Brian Saad as our elected representative and Leslie Renckly as our citizen representative. Motion passed.

Public comment: Glenn Stefan-15520 Roach Dr. - Spoke of harassment and problems coming from Tuttle Dr. He said the Police had to witness a crime and not rely on video surveillance. Chief Allen cleared up some misinformation on policy.

Leah Collins- 15277 McCaslin Lake Rd. - All the harassment issues are in retaliation. This is childish games and needs to stop. If neighbors would stop videotaping and calling the police constantly on other neighbors, this might stop.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman- Geric Rose has submitted our grant application for the pathway. I was asked to get letters from Fenton Township and the city of Linden. These communities have agreed to provide the letters.

Where do we stand with the Fire rig right now? Schmidt said he thinks we need to move forward with legal proceedings.

When will the Police Dept. yard be cleaned up? Treasurer Schmidt said he spoke with the Ferrell Gas representative and expects to hear from them in a day or 2.

Conner- Denise and I are working to get the cemetery mapping information on our website.

Graves- The office will be open for absentee voting on Saturday November 4th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

I want to thank my Deputy Clerk Jane Lefler for training our election inspectors the new equipment. Graves explained that the cemetery mapping service was started by the previous board and was recently completed.

Schmidt-

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to authorize Mr. Lattie to proceed with legal action with Mr. Holden.

Schmidt said we had an excellent audit. Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Graves to accept the findings of the 2016/2017 audit from Yeo & Yeo. Motion passed. I met with Mr. Lattie and representatives from POAM about the police contract that expires in March. No decisions were made. I will keep you informed.

I met with our Drain Commissioner and his deputy. I asked questions regarding our sewer ordinance. There is one small change needed. I asked Mr. Lattie to look at this for our December meeting. Lattie said we may need to give our ordinance a number and repeal all previous amendments.

Saad – None.

Adjournment at 7:53 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor