

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2014

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion, Ciesielski, support, Graves to approve the minutes of October 27, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, and the minutes of the Executive Session October 27, 2014. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Graves, support, Cole to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the clerk. Motion passed.

Motion, Cole, support, Graves to approve payment of bills as presented in the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment: Roger Kelley- Asked Supervisor Cole if there was anything new on Whitehead Dr. Drainage issue.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen was not in attendance.

Cole reported that Argentine Township was named number 1 of the top 25 cities in Michigan with the most improved crime rate in the Safe Choice Security News Report. The article noted that "Not only was the Township No. 1 on our list of most improved cities in Michigan, but they were already one of the safest cities in Michigan to begin with." The article continued "Proof that the best can get better". Congratulations to the Argentine Township Police Department and Chief Allen.

Motion, Cole, support, Graves to authorize Chief Allen to hire Anthony Matthews as a part-time police officer, subject to a 1-year probationary period. Motion passed.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Reid was not in attendance. Cole read the highlights of the report. Chief Reid is requesting authorization to send a termination letter to a probationary fire-fighter for non-response.

Motion, Cole, support Graves to authorize Chief Reid to send a termination letter to probationary fire-fighter Amanda Stokes for non-response to runs, training, and meetings. Motion passed.

Building Department- A written report was submitted. Supervisor Cole reported 5 permits were issued in the amount of \$2,060.00.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Hallman was not in attendance. Cole said he attended a meeting to kick off The Parks and Recreation Workshop on December 9th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We want to move this on a fast track to possibly qualify for grants.

Assessor Report- A written report was submitted. Assessor Cash said we received a letter from the State that they have accepted our plan to correct deficiencies noted in our 2014 AMAR Review.

Attorney Report: David Lattie was absent. Board members received a confidential email detailing police contract proposed changes to be discussed by the board. Cole said the contract was negotiated in good faith, and he spoke by phone to Treasurer Schmidt about the changes. Treasurer Schmidt indicated he was comfortable with the proposal. Cole recommended we accept the proposal.

Motion, Cole, support, Graves to accept the tentative police contract proposal as negotiated. Motion passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public comment- None.

Business from Board Members:

Ciesielski- None.

Graves- The election has been certified by the Board of Canvassers.

Cole- The Fire Department is having their annual pot-luck dinner on December 6th. The McCaslin Lake Road project looks beautiful. I want to thank our State Representative Joe Graves for his help in getting this road project funded and approved. I have a person willing to donate some rocks for the Canoe Launch on McCaslin Lake Road, but we will probably have to pay to have them hauled. I am hoping Markley Farms will donate some large rocks also.

Adjournment at 7:15p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor

