

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2015

Call to Order @ 7:01 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the minutes of November 30, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of the November 30, 2015 closed session. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Ciesielski to approve the budget amendment (Debit line 101-301-959.000 by \$600.00 and line 101-301-719.004 by \$600.00), as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

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

Public comment: A resident asked about a flagpole being placed at the Police Department.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen reviewed his report. All Argentine Township police officers were issued a flash drive of the police department policies and procedures manual. A hard copy is also available. Officer Jenkins has been sworn in by Clerk Graves. The school threat case is still progressing. The 18 year old suspect is being charged with additional felonies relating to child pornography. Our department has executed 7 search warrants and put in over 200 investigative man hours.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty gave an oral report. We are at 439 calls so far this year, which is 4 less than last year at this time. The tornado siren has been wired and has power. Thank you to Roger Kelly and Bishop Construction for their donation toward the annual Christmas dinner and to Alpine Market for preparing food for the dinner. At the annual Christmas dinner, Kyle Kurtz was honored as Firefighter of the Year. Captain Steve Thompson was recognized for 10 years of service to Argentine Township and Jason Lescoe and Todd Mac Donell were recognized for serving 5 years each. I am recommending that we re-hire Kati Whalen as a fire-fighter. Motion, Graves, second, Ciesielski to hire Kati Whalen as a fire-fighter, upon successfully passing her physical examination, with a one-year probation period. Motion passed.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Ciesielski to authorize Valley Super Flite to replace a part on the unleaded fuel pump at a cost of \$565.00. Motion passed.

Tom Brooks submitted his resignation to end cleaning the fire Hall on December 31, 2015.

Building Department- A written report was submitted. Supervisor Cole reported 2 permits were issued in the amount of \$2,943.00.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Hallman said the 5-year Recreation Plan was approved and submitted. The Planning Commission can discuss this in January to move forward. Other lake associations have been asked to get on board with the discussion about temporary structures.

Assessor Report- A written report was submitted. Cole said he is proud of our assessor for challenging the county equalization director on an issue. Lori Cash knows the law and is not afraid to stand up for Argentine residents.

Attorney Report: David Lattie was not in attendance.

Old Business: Administrative Assistant to Police Chief.
No action was taken.

New Business: Resignation from Ray Kondel / BOR.
Cole said he regrets that Ray Kondel has to resign but understands his reason.
Motion, Cole, support, Schmidt to accept the resignation from Ray Kondel from the Board of Review for the term ending on January 1, 2017. Motion passed.

Cole said he has talked to Bruce Allen about filling the position on the board of Review. Cole said it is his recommendation that Bruce Allen be appointed to fill the remaining term.
Motion, Cole, seconded by Ciesielski to appoint Bruce Allen to the Board of Review.
Motion passed.

Lobdell Lake Weed Management Contract
Schmidt said the Lake Association has recommended that we accept the contract terms.
Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to accept the terms of the contract for services from Aquest Corporation related to the management, monitoring, and study of Lobdell Lake. Motion passed.

Public comment- None.

Business from Board Members:
Schmidt- We received correspondence from Linden Schools.
Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Graves to allow the Treasurer to negotiate a price for the 2016 summer tax collection for Linden Schools and GISD, at the same rate as 2015, Linden \$4.63 per parcel and GISD at \$1.75 per parcel. Motion passed.
I would like the Board to approve an additional security camera to be installed.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Ciesielski to install an additional security camera in the general office area.

We will receive the title soon to the Bird Rd and Ripple Rd. properties. I would like the Board to authorize me to negotiate with the Bird family and the neighbor to the Ripple Rd. Property. I believe it is the consensus of the Board to work with the Bird family on the Bird Rd. property.

Moved by Cole, seconded by Hallman to authorize Treasurer Schmidt to negotiate the sale of the Bird Rd. property with the Mr. and Mrs. Bird and the Ripple Rd. property sale to the neighbor. Motion passed.

Merry Christmas and I wish all a prosperous New Year.

Ciesielski- Merry Christmas to everyone.

Hallman- Merry Christmas to everyone.

Graves- We had a successful audit on the November election.

I met with our health care representative from Brown & Brown. Our renewal premium will be slightly less than last year for the same coverage.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cole- Merry Christmas and may God bless one and all.

Adjournment at 7:32 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor