

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2018

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Saad to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting on December 18, 2017. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to approve the budget amendment and increase account # 230-301-958.000 in the amount of \$179. 00 and decrease account # 230-301-865.000 in the amount of \$179.00 as recommended by Clerk Graves. Motion passed.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to approve payment of bills as printed. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Dan Yeater- Filed a complaint about ordinance violation by Royalty Real Estate Holdings. Royalty. Royalty has moved their business operations to a lot that is zoned residential. Neighbors are concerned with the noise, blight and flooding of properties due to plugged drains. Royalty employees park their vehicles on the property. Photos were passed out to the Board Members.

Matthew Mowinski- I am the owner of Royalty Services. I did get the notice in November. We try to run a good business. I want to come to a compromise. I bought the property and thought I could store rocks there. I intended to put a berm up. I tried to get a Special Use Permit. Due to the extreme cold, the rocks are frozen to the ground. I believe we have not caused the problem but instead have solved the water issues.

Reports:

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty recognized Kyle Kurtz and Jerald Ellsworth for the quick thinking and actions on a September 2nd run that were essential in saving a 29 year old resident's life. Chief Lafferty also gave out award for Firefighter of the year and for the 2nd year in a row; this trophy went to Kyle Kurtz. Dedication, loyalty and professionalism were factors that were considered in earning this award.

The wheels will be shipped and mounted on the truck in 2 weeks per Mr. Holden.

Engine 11 will be back from repair soon.

Due to a reported increase in occupational cancer and incidents in fire service, it is best to err on the side of caution. Our gear is 10 years old and needs to be replaced. Hallman asked if there were grant monies available to purchase this. Schmidt asked if the cost would be paid from the equipment line.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Graves to authorize Chief Lafferty to partner with the City of Flint and the County Chief's Association ordering pool to purchase 30 Nomax hoods and 7 sets of turn out gear at a cost of \$16,695.00. Motion passed. Motion passed.

Police Department- A written report was submitted. The police will be on Peninsular Drive for the Chili Cook Off.

Chief Allen reported that 2 men came forward in the "Hope Not Handcuffs program and requested to be placed in treatment to break their addiction to drugs.

Chief Allen reviewed the department statistics were given to Board Members.

Tim Burchett would like to resign his full-time Assistant to the Chief position and be hired as a part-time Police Officer. I would like to wait until we determine his availability. We can revisit hiring Tim as a part-time police officer after we see his schedule.

I would like to post an advertisement for the vacant Assistant to the Police Chief position. I have attached the job requirements.

The Board wanted further discussion on this did not want to take action at this time.

Building Department- Treasurer Schmidt reported that we have 4 permits which amount to \$1,750.60.

Assessor Report- No report.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission met on January 11th, Don Wortman from Carlisle & Wortman discussed the pathway. March 8th is the next meeting.

Attorney Report:

Request a closed session to discuss ongoing litigation later in the meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Safe Routes to Schools – Victor Lukasavitz spoke about a general overview of the proposed LAFF pathway. He thanked the Board for their interest in the project. When surveyed, 96% of the people said trails were important to them in their community. Other communities are getting onboard with adding trails. This requires a minimal investment if you can get all the grants available. The next step is to obtain the easements and the MEDQ Wetland Review.

Teresa Ciesielski, former Trustee has been working on getting grants for the proposed pathway. We received a STRS \$400,000. grant contingent on obtaining easements. We have been awarded several grants. Ms. Ciesielski is working with a private donor who is interested in possibly funding \$50,000 toward the project. Ms. Ciesielski said she hopes the Township will move forward on this project and get the easements.

Aquatic Plant Management Service Contract for Lobdell Lake

This is for plant management of the Lobdell Lake.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by, Saad to accept the terms of the Aquatic Services as presented, Motion passed.

Aquest Service Proposal for Lobdell Lake- Tabled.

Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2018-

Supervisor Saad noted that these guidelines are the same as last year.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to accept the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2018. Motion passed.

Linden Schools Summer Tax Collection:

The Board of Education has requested that Argentine Township collect the school's summer property taxes.

Treasurer Schmidt said the rates are \$4.63 per parcel for Linden and \$1.75 per parcel for GISD. The State of Michigan contributes \$2.50 for schools that do not ask for summer collection.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to accept the resolutions as presented and collect summer taxes for the Linden Schools and GISD. Motion passed.

Employee Health Care Coverage

Treasurer Schmidt met with our representative from Brown & Brown about our renewal options. Schmidt said we will have a decrease of approximately 5% in our renewal cost. Schmidt recommends that we accept the renewal terms of our current plan. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Conner to accept the renewal terms of our Blue Care Network policy plan renewal. Motion passed.

Resignation from Tim Burchett-

Motion by Saad, seconded by Graves to accept the resignation of Tim Burchett effective February 1, 2018. Motion passed.

Resolution 2018-1 MI Den, Canada Nest Destruction Program and/or Canada Goose Roundup/Removal Program- Tabled.

Public comment:

Cliff Moore- Is opposed to Royalty using the residential lot for rocks, and equipment storage. Does not appreciate the noise this has created. Mr. Moore said he wished Royalty would have talked to the neighbors before they moved their commercial business to a residential lot.

John Schaefer- Asked about a speed limit sign on Charles Dr. Chief Allen said they have written tickets for speeding and reckless driving on Charles Dr.

Don Wight- asked direction on an easement issue regarding a fence across Ridge Drive. He would like to see this fence removed.

Doug Badgett- What is going to stop Royalty from purchasing other properties as they become available and using for commercial purpose. I object to the dust and noise. Do we have a procedure for when Royalty works and leaks hydraulic fluids?

Don Yeater- If a special use permit is issued; there will be problems with hydraulic fluid in the ground that will contaminate wells.

Matt Mowinski, owner of Royalty Services- Spoke of blight issues all over the Township.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman-None.

Conner- The Police Department is doing an excellent job reuniting lost pets with their owners.

Graves- I am appreciative of our Fire and Police department and want to thank them.

Schmidt- None.

Saad- Dr. Pinkston is asking us to write a letter to the GCRC recommending that the Road Commission abandon the easement called Seminole Dr.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Schmidt to authorize Supervisor Saad to write a letter on behalf of Argentine Township to the Genesee County Road Commission. Motion passed.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to enter closed session to discuss ongoing litigation and employment issues. Motion passed.

Entered closed session @ 8:22 p.m.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Conner to re-convene Regular session@ 9:32. Motion passed. No motions were made in closed session.

Motion by Schmidt to allow Mr. Lattie to propose an offer to Mr. Groves regarding the Architech John L. Asselin drawing plan. Seconded by Conner. Motion passed.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Conner to hire Attorney Bruce Gorosh to assist with obtaining final easements for the pathway. Motion passed.

Adjournment at 9:40 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor