

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2017

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Sharon Cowell.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of December 19, 2016, Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the Executive Board Session December 19, 2016 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held January 9, 2017. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to approve the budget amendments as recommended by Clerk Graves. Motion passed.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Graves to approve payment of expenditures as presented in the board package. Motion passed.

John Foley from Consumers Energy spoke about extending the natural gas line if 50% or more of the residents want it.

Public comment: Joel Gibson spoke about the need for a vicious dog ordinance. He is not asking for a breed ban. He presented the board with photos and documentation of the reason he is asking for a court tested resolution and ordinance.

Schmidt thanked Mr. Gibson and asked Mr. Lattie to draft language to be adopted by the board.

Tim Jagielo from the Tri County Times newspaper introduced himself and asked for us to inform him of unique newsworthy events that he can put in the newspaper with photos.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen reported that there is an issue with radio coverage in the High School. It is believed that the boosters that were installed 2 years ago may not be compatible with the re-template that was done. Chief Allen said that there will be a request on the may ballot for an increase in charges for 911 from the consortium.

The department will be upgrading the computer system at no cost for the department.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said he wanted to congratulate Kati Whalen and BJ Ellsworth on successfully completing their MFR course and passing the National Registry. Both are now licensed Medical First Responders. Dodgeball training was fun and a success. The next one is scheduled on February 8th. @ 7:00 p.m.

The new rescue truck will be in service after striping and lettering is done.

The bi-annual flow test revealed 1 out of 30 packs failed. This will be repaired.

The heating issue in the Fire Department has been repaired.

Chief Lafferty said the department is considering the program "I Am Responding" which is a web based app. It will notify as soon as Genesee County gets the call and go directly to the cell phones of firefighters. This will reduce the response time by 2 to 3 minutes.

This is Google maps integrated and will provide directions and other information.

Firefighter McCormick has donated a flat screen wall mount television so dispatch information can be viewed by the operator and incoming responders. We have options to pay for the Wi-Fi device. The Five-year option is the most cost effective.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Graves to approve cost of the five-year option in the amount of \$3,137.00 for subscription software. Motion passed.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to Pay for Firefighter Caputo to attend NFPA 1 and NFPA 11 inspector series classes for a cost of \$1,075.00. Motion passed.

Chief is recommending Jeremy Dennis be hired. Jeremy has experience from Louisiana and is available daytime hours.

Motion, Schmidt, second Graves to hire Jeremy Dennis as fire-fighter pending the results of his physical and drug-screening, subject to a one-year probation period. Motion passed.

Building Department- Treasurer Schmidt reported that we have 9 permits which amount to \$4,685.00. Most of these were for new modular homes for the mobile home community. Schmidt said we have had 11 permits to build new homes in the last year.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission met on January 11th, They discussed the need for improved communication with the office and board. They discussed if Quonset huts are an accessory building or not. They would like community input. Other topics were code enforcement and the need for more recreational activities, and design standards for commercial buildings. Ekklesia has a portion of their property for sale, the site includes combined lots. There is a concern about selling off one of the three, which includes a filtration garden. Schmidt said he is not sure if they can get a split approved.

Assessor Report- A written report was submitted.

Attorney Report: David Lattie-. I met with Clerk Graves, Chief Allen and Tom Brooks and I explained how to use the municipal civil infraction. We hope to see benefits of this streamlined process.

We were in court today on the Legan case on Knobhill Dr. There has been a structural engineer report come back with mixed results. The court has ordered repairs to be made. The timeline says permits are to be requested immediately. The court has given them 6 months to complete and acceptable progress must be made.

Eminent domain case on Haviland Beach Dr. is ongoing.

Lahring Rd. case has been filed. The owner went to the ZBA and asked to store commercial vehicles on his property and was turned down. We are asking for remedy for their default.

Old Business: Healthcare-

Supervisor Saad said we have met with Brown and Brown about our renewal options. The costs are escalating. I recommend we accept the renewal terms of our current plan and seek competitive options for our next renewal plan that include a co-pay of up to 20%. This will help contain costs and put us more in line with what other townships pay. Moved by Graves, seconded by Hallman to accept the renewal terms of our Blue Cross Blue Shield policy plan renewal. Motion passed 4-1 with Saad voting no.

Resolution 2016-14 Consumers Energy Lights.

Supervisor Saad said the plan to switch out 14 mercury vapor lights to LED should save us \$300.00 each month.

Motion, Hallman, second Schmidt, to accept Resolution 2016-14. Roll Call: Graves, yes, Schmidt, yes, Conner, yes, Saad, yes and Hallman, yes. Motion passed.

New Business: B&D Elevator Services Proposal-

Graves said we have a proposal for a three year pressure relief valve test that the cost will be \$950.00. This is required by the state of Michigan Elevator Safety Division.

Motion, Graves, second, Hallman to accept the terms of B&D Services proposal in the amount of \$950.00. Motion passed.

Aquatic Services Contract with Lobdell-Bennett Lakes.

This is for plant management of the lakes.

Motion, Graves, second, Conner to accept the terms of the Aquatic Services as approved by the Lobdell –Bennett Lake Association. Motion passed.

Recreation –LAFF Pathway-

Motion, Saad, second, Hallman to pass Resolution 2017-1 adopting the Argentine Township/ Linden Schools Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan. Roll Call: Schmidt, yes, Conner, yes, Graves, yes, Saad, yes and Hallman, yes. Motion passed.

Saad said we will present another resolution next meeting that would recognize the Shaiawassee River as a National Watershed.

Hallman- I attended a fundraiser for the LAFF Pathway. This project is catching a lot of momentum. Fenton Township is moving forward and getting involved. I asked Geric Rose to look over the language in the \$7,700. grant for engineering. Teresa Ciesielski, our former trustee, is on the committee for the pathway.

Conner-. None.

Graves- I have submitted a claim form for the extra costs associated with the reprinting of ballots. I am attending a meeting about reducing the school district splits in our precincts to save election costs.

I have a meeting about reducing the amount of school district splits in our precincts from 8 to 6.

Schmidt- I submitted my ramblings. Nothing else.

Saad- None.

Adjournment at 8:25-p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor