

## **Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2018**

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Conner to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the Executive Session January 29, 2018, and the minutes from the February 15, 2018, Public Hearing. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Conner to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

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

Public comment: State Representative Joe Graves- Recently, I had a medical emergency at my home, Chief Lafferty and EMT Dan Sturgis answered the call. I want to thank them. I profess that they were so knowledgeable and professional. Residents pay a nominal fee for services. This is a good value for our Township.

Ryan Bothell- Tuttle Dr. Mr. Dechiem ran a bulldozer across my property. What will be done?

Aaron Bobo- Tuttle Dr. Also spoke about a neighbor trespassing on his property. Mr. Bobo asked what proof is needed to prove to the police that this is his property.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. The Parkland School shooting has inspired copycat threats at schools across the nation and 8 threats in our county. Two threats were in Linden Schools. One threat was not deemed credible. The other is progressing forward. Every case must be investigated as if it were real. This is costing resources to police departments. These cases are serious. The threat is a charge is a false threat of terrorism, a felony offense. We will try to organize an assembly at the schools to let the students understand how serious this is.

The Mutual Aid agreement is in your package. It is a renewal of what we have in place.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Saad to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Genesee County Mutual Police Assistance Agreement. Motion passed.

The job posting for the Assistant to the Police Department brought 19 resumes. I interviewed 3 and am recommending Rebecca Nemecheck be hired for the part-time position. The hours are to be as follows: 6 hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM, and 5.5 hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 AM to 2:30 PM for a total of 29 hours a week.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to accept the recommendation of Chief Allen and hire Rebecca Nemecheck a part-time position for up to 29 hours a week as assistant to the Police Chief, subject to a 1-year probation period to be paid \$15.50 per hour to start. Motion passed. Scott Conner had an interview a month prior to the last election. It was my determination that he would be an excellent candidate for a part-time police officer. Post election the board had some concern about possible conflicts. Recently, I was informed that the board was comfortable with Conner assuming this position after having worked with him since the election.

Motion, Saad, seconded by Graves to hire Scott Conner as a part-time police officer, subject to a 1-year probation period.

Discussion: Saad said after getting to know Conner, he is comfortable with hiring him as a police officer. Schmidt said it is nice that we have someone who is as concerned about our community as we all are and wants to serve. Graves said she discussed this with our attorney twice and met with Mr. Conner twice to discuss how this would work. She is comfortable that he will be a good police officer for our township.

Trustee Conner abstained from the vote. Roll call; Saad, yes, Graves, yes, Schmidt, yes, Hallman, No. Motion passed 3-1.

Fire Department- Chief Lafferty submitted an Annual Report. Chief Lafferty said fire-fighter Dan Sturgis submitted his resignation from the department because he recently moved from the area.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to accept the resignation of Dan Sturgis from the Fire Department. Motion passed.

I interviewed 2 candidates for Fire-fighter positions. It is his recommendation to hire Stacey Bourn and Trevor Riddle as fire-fighters.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Hallman to hire Stacey Bourn and Trevor Riddle as firefighters, subject to a 1-year probation period and successfully passing a physical and drug test.

Discussion: Training will be needed. Courses start in April. Motion passed.

Building Department- Saad reported 5 permits were issued in the amount of \$4,818.87.

The Planning Commission –Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission has not held a meeting. The next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Report: No report.

Old Business:

Aquest Service Proposal for Lobdell Lake- Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to continue to table. Motion passed.

Open Bids for Police Department Renovations

We only received bids from the advertisement in the Tri County Times for fencing. The quotes are for different lengths. No action was taken. Supervisor Saad will contact these companies and get clarification.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to authorize Chief Allen to obtain quotes for plumbing, electrical. HVAC and parking lot improvements at the Police Department. Motion passed.

#### Resolution 2018-2 Canadian Goose Round-up

Saad read the resolution to authorize the township board to formally request the Michigan DNR on behalf of McKane Lake Association in the implementation of the Canada Goose Nest Destruction Program and Removal/Roundup for a 5 –year period from 2017-202.

Motion, Saad, second, Hallman to adopt Resolution 2018-2.

Roll Call; Schmidt, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes, Hallman, yes and Graves, yes. Motion passed.

#### New Business:

Resolution 2018-3 a Resolution for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on Property Transfer Affidavits.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Conner to adopt Resolution 2018-3. Roll call: Hallman, yes, Conner, yes, Schmidt yes, Graves, yes and Saad, yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2018-4 a Resolution to Adopt the Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for Income and Asset Tests.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to adopt Resolution 2018-4. Roll call: Conner, yes, Schmidt yes, Graves, yes and Saad, yes and Hallman, yes. Motion passed.

#### Recreational Pathway Declaration of Taking

Saad explained in the space lies the road right-of-way and other utilities. We are seeking to get in line and declare that we have a public interest in this 17-foot asset. This is for 17 feet of a permanent right-of-way. The same amount of the offer was made for 20 feet in the last offer. We have reduced this by 3 feet.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to adopt the Declaration of Taking as presented. Motion passed.

Public comment: Ryan Bothell- What will happen to Ms. Ortwine for wasting resources of 911 operators and the police officers for falsely accusing neighbors? I have been ticketed because of her videos.

Jim Ruhlig- Pineview Ct. - When the dam is opened, it flows into the Ore Creek. I have 12 acres of land with 4 feet of water. Why does the dam have to be opened?

Jeremy Kurtz- Bird Rd.-The ground water is causing flooding. The ditches have never been maintained. New construction is making it worse.

Gary-Tino- Bird Rd. Mr. Tino spoke about the same drain issues that Mr. Kurtz is experiencing. There is still no resolution.

#### Business from Board Members:

Hallman- I have residents that have asked us about if the township will go out for bids for lawn mowing.

Conner- I have been working on a logo seal for Argentine Township.

Graves- I want the board to take notice of the property that is on Seymour Rd., north of Cole

Rd. on the east side of the road. The building was demolished and has been sitting there in a huge pile of rubble since summer.

Schmidt- Nothing.

Saad- Nothing.

Adjournment at 7:58 p.m.

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Denise Graves, Clerk

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Brian Saad, Supervisor