

Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting May 21, 2018

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to adopt the minutes of April 30, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of the May 10, 2018 Budget Workshop as printed.

Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to approve the budget amendments, as recommended by the Clerk. Discussion: Saad said a line will be added to pay for census work wages and FICA, Motion passed.

Motion, Graves, seconded by, Conner to approve payment of bills as printed in the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment: Maurice Ryan 7226 Silver Lake Rd. - I observed the Planning Commission Meeting over the proposed Safety Path Ordinance. It seemed like there was an urgency to get it passed. Why the urgency?

Brian Williston- 7377 Haviland Beach Dr. - There could be a health issue with Lobdell Lake. The DEQ sampled the lake and found a high reading of a toxic algae bloom.

Lisa Liley 14190 Seymour Rd. - Was this just gossip and rumors about landowners paying exorbitant taxes? This is so bizarre if it is not true.

Jim Conway 16177 Seymour Rd. –Asked about where the proposed pathway will stop.

Reports:

Police Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Allen said the trenching and conversion to gas has been started by Consumers Energy.

The security cameras have been installed and fully operational.

The department posted on the Facebook page a picture of the safe internet exchange spot that is under surveillance. The post was seen by 50,762 people, had 527 “likes”, and was shared 498 times. In addition, 59 people wrote positive comments.

The new portable radios for the department have been delivered by Genesee County 911. Saad noted that the Police Department renovations look great. He thanked Schmidt, Graves and Conner for all they did.

Officer Conner has started to inventory and reorganize the evidence room and has implemented a streamlined process of logging in evidence. Using a scanner. This creates a property tag and records the item in a data base for tracking.

The department has begun an effort to prevent crimes with a "Lock it or Lose it" campaign to remind residents to safeguard their property. There were some recent break-ins and a car stolen that had the keys in it. We have a suspect that we are going to arrest. I recommend that the Board approve the recommendation of Chief Allen and hire Terrance Balewski as a part-time Police Officer. Balewski is a township resident and a retired Sergeant from the city of Romulus.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to hire Terrance Balewski as a part-time Police Officer subject to a 1-year probation period. Motion passed 4-0. Trustee Conner abstained.

All calls to the Police Department should go through 911. The dispatcher will sort out emergency and non-emergency calls.

Mike Mueller is a candidate for 51st State of Representatives. Mr. Mueller introduced himself and said he is running to replace our current term limited Representative, Joe Graves. Mueller was born and raised in this area. He spent 4 years in the Navy and graduated with honors from EMU. He spent a few months working as a substitute teacher in Linden. Mueller has been a Deputy Sherriff for 18 years. After his grandfather passed away, he kept the family farm going. Mueller was honored with the 2018 Deputy of the Year award. He believes he is the most well rounded candidate in the race.

Clerk Graves thanked Mr. Mueller for coming and said she has given him her personal endorsement. Graves said she thinks he would represent the needs of the residents in Argentine Township and serve them well. Graves said she understands the sacrifice it requires of the entire family to do the job. There will be many opportunities to serve and impact others as a State Representative.

Supervisor Saad clarified that he did not endorse any of the other candidates.

Schmidt said Mueller is the real thing. He has integrity, decency and honesty characteristics. Schmidt has a motto of Concerned and Committed. He said that certainly fits Mr. Mueller. Schmidt said he will stand up and support Mueller's candidacy to the end. Schmidt said he believes Mike Mueller is the right person for the job.

Hallman said anyone who picks up the family farm and runs a small business are far and few in-between these days. I will offer my endorsement of your candidacy for that.

Saad said I also endorse you for State representative unequivocally. I appreciate the sacrifices you have made.

Conner said he appreciates law enforcement officers running for the job. It is always good to see an honest person who will step up to represent us well.

Schmidt said he thinks the board is committed to endorsing Mike Mueller as the right person for the job to represent Argentine Township. Schmidt said the board should go on record and offered a motion for the board to endorse Mike Mueller. Attorney Lattie said he does not advise the board do this and Schmidt withdrew his motion. Mr. Mueller said he appreciates this support.

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Fire Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said the department is at 181 runs.

Online burn permits are now available on the Township website

<http://www.Argentinetownship.com/fire /department/request burn permit.php>.

Med Control has been contacted to express interest in using blood glucose monitors. This inexpensive equipment will allow us to provide patients experiencing diabetic emergencies more effective care. Under new state treatment protocols, MFR agencies planning to use these must be identified.

Due to incompatible batteries, we cannot use the old batteries on the new 800 Mhz radios. The 911 center will be issuing these as they arrive. It is my understanding that the county will require individual departments to purchase these batteries. We hope to get a pool order with the Genesee County Fire Chief's Association to save an additional 5% off the \$126.65 each price.

Our 4 new firefighters have completed their Medical First Responder course.

Firefighter Takoma Curtis has submitted his resignation. He leaves us in good standing.

Motion by Saad, seconded by Conner to accept the resignation of firefighter Takoma Curtis. Motion passed.

I am working on improving our retention of firefighters as the available pool of firefighter candidates have diminished.

There is no status update on the wheels. The problem is in communication with Rickson Wheel. Schmidt said we have to do something. We cannot leave \$140,000. sitting out there.

Conner asked if the rescue units carry a supply of Narcan. Lafferty said yes.

Building Department: Saad said there were 4 zoning permits issued that total \$884.80.

Planning Commission: Trustee Conner- The Planning Commission discussed a safety path ordinance. The owner of 7226 Silver Lake Rd. expressed opposition while other residents expressed their support. The Township's planner was asked to get comparables from neighboring communities and bring them back to the next meeting. The State is looking for us to mirror the County Safety Ordinance. Saad said he will attend a meeting on the 22nd to learn more. Lattie suggested that we make the Ordinance as simple as possible.

Proposed Safety Path Ordinance-Tabled.

Attorney: Attorney David Lattie gave an oral report. Lattie said the Williston case motion is in front of Judge Farrah to throw out the Williston's appraisal because it does not apply the law properly in our opinion. We are trying to figure out what the value of the easement for the storm water drain on their property is. There is an issue of an allegation of algae blooms caused by storm water drain. Williston asked who will monitor this water quality. We are on it, and so is the DEQ. Algae blooms are not unusual on lakes. They are pesky, but the Township and the Lake Association are on top of that. Schmidt asked about the McGuire and Webb cases. Lattie said the Township can legally remove their stuff. The Township can hire a contractor to clean up. We have a default judgement on McGuire and Webb and can place the cost of cleanup on the tax roll.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to hire a contractor and place the cost on the tax roll for the McGuire and Webb cases. Motion passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Greg DurKac- Linden Athletic Booster- We are asking the board to recognize the Linden Athletic Boosters as a 501 C nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for the Linden Athletic Boosters.

Roll Call:

Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes and Schmidt Yes. Motion passed.

Set date for Budget Hearing-

Moved by Schmidt , seconded by Graves to hold the Budget Hearing during our Annual Meeting on June 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Argentine Dam. Dam ID 117, Genesee County has reviewed our updated Emergency Action Plan for the dam. Our obligation has been fulfilled. The new 24-hour contact for the Pollution Emergency alerting System has changed and is:

Department of Environmental Quality

Water Resources division

Dam Safety Program

24/7 800-292-4706.

Saad thanked Leslie Renckly for all the work she did on the emergency action plan.

Aggregate Resurfacing – McCaslin Lake Rd.

Saad and Schmidt met with Danny Hudson form the GCRC. The State has awarded \$1,300,000 in additional funding to be used on roads. Argentine will get \$38,000. of this money. We want to resurface the road from McCaslin Lake Rd. pavement end to Rolston Rd.

We have an estimated cost to resurface McCaslin Lake Rd. Using matching Township Allocation Funds, our estimated cost will be \$11,661.18.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to authorize the Supervisor to sign the approval to resurface McCaslin Lake Road using Township matching Allocation Funds. Motion passed.

Fireworks Permit for Lobdell/Bennett Lake Association- Chief Lafferty has reviewed the Lobdell/ Bennett Lake Association fireworks permit and recommends it be approved.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Saad to approve the permit for fireworks permit for the Lobdell/ Bennet Lake Association. Motion passed.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman-Lobdell/Bennett Lake Association is holding a boater safety class on July 17th and 19th. The dates are posted on their website.

Conner- None.

Graves- None.

Schmidt-None.

Saad- I have placed a copy of the revised Employee Policy in your packets. There is a revision on amount of years of service to earn vacation time. Moved by Saad, seconded by Conner to accept the revision in the Employee Policy. Motion passed.

I received the License for Equipment Use from Lyndon Lattie today. This allows the Police Department to use the newly purchased equipment.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to authorize the Clerk to sign the License for Equipment Use form for Genesee County 911 Consortium Commission. Motion passed 4-0. Conner abstained.

Public comment: Glen Stefan- Roach Dr. Spoke of more problems with neighbor harassing him. The neighbor yells at him from his motorcycle. The problem has been going on for 4 years. A video was given to the Police Chief of the incident. Chief Allen said the police must see this personally.

Attorney Lattie said there is a sentencing hearing scheduled on the 30th. Mr. Stefan was invited to come and tell the judge.

Adjournment@ 8:17 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor