

Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting June 26, 2017

Call to order @ 7: 00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to adopt the minutes of May 22, 2017 Regular Board and June 1, 2017 Board Workshop as printed. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Budget Adjustments: Board members were given a copy of amendments made by Clerk Graves.

Saad reminded the board that last month our Clerk was given authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget line items for the fiscal year end. The Clerk documented the changes and everyone has a copy.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by, Hallman to approve payment of bills as printed, with the addition \$514.39 paid today. Motion passed.

Public comment: Marie Robinson – pointed out in previous minutes that the site plan did not specify that it was for the mill.

Jack Kellar- Haviland Beach Dr. is nicely paved and now the people are speeding. We need another speed limit sign.

Marty Vyskocil- The Boater Safety class will be held on July 11, from 5:30 p.m to 9:00 p.m. and July 13, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall training room. This class is for anyone 12 years or older. Information is posted on the DNR website.

Reports: Police Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. Detective Fulton and Chief Allen attended a meeting about the National Night Out event scheduled on August 1st. at Hyatt Elementary School.

The Ford Explorer that was ordered is expected to be delivered soon. We are seeking bids for equipping the vehicle.

We have 2 bids for equipping the new vehicle. One is from Pro Com in the amount of \$9,782.00 and one is from Arrowhead for \$9,790.00. Chief Allen recommends we accept the bid from Pro Com.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to accept Chief Allen's recommendation to accept the bid from Pro Com in the amount of \$9,782.00. Motion Passed.

The next department firearm training is June 28th.

Chief Allen said there has been a huge increase in radio calls since summer began.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty asked the Board to accept the resignation of Firefighter Kevin Brown due to a conflict with his employer. He leaves in good standing and would be considered for re-hire in the future.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Graves to accept the resignation of Kevin Brown from the Fire Department. Motion passed.

The new Rescue unit super-single wheel manufacturer will be able to fit the unit with wheels. The lead time is 6-10 weeks. The vehicle will have to be taken to them in Manchester, Pennsylvania. The weight rating will be higher than it was for the dual wheels.

Chief Lafferty asked the board to approve the purchase of 2 portable generator light kits. The cost for each unit would be \$3,468.50 for a total of \$6,937.00.

Saad told Chief that we need at least 2 quotes for this. Hallman asked for 3 quotes on something like this. The purchase was not authorized at this time.

Building Department: Supervisor Saad reported that 15 permits were issued that total \$12,444.

Planning Commission: Conner said he did not attend but the Planning Commission discussed the fee schedules and got comparables from other municipalities.

Saad discussed an example of a building permit he was looking over. He said that we want compliance but do not want people to be discouraged from obtaining a permit. Saad recommended that we reduce the cost by 1/3.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Conner to reduce the cost fee schedule for windows and doors from \$300.00 to \$200.00 of which \$100.00 of the cost is for the deposit and \$100.00 is the cost of the permit.

Attorney- Attorney David Lattie was absent. No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

2016/2017 Amended Special Revenue Budget-

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to adopt the list as presented. Motion passed.

2017/2018 Budget- Twp. Fire and Police

Adopt 2017-2018 Police Budget:

Saad said at the Annual Meeting it was recommended that the proposed 2017/2018 Police Budget is brought to the Board for approval. Revenue is projected at \$704,498.00.

Expenses are planned at \$704,498.00. The budget is balanced.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Saad to adopt the 2017/2018 Budget as presented.

Motion passed.

Adopt 2017-2018 Fire Department Budget:

Saad said at the Annual Meeting it was recommended that the proposed 2017/2018 Fire Department Budget is brought to the Board for approval. Revenue is projected at \$393,786.00. Expenses are planned at \$393,786.00. The budget is balanced. Motion,

Motion, Hallman, seconded by, Saad to adopt the 2017/2018 Fire Department budget as presented. Motion passed.

2017/2018 Special Revenue Budget-

Schmidt presented the 2017/2018 Special Revenue Budget.

Motion, Graves, second, Conner to adopt the 2017/2018 Special Revenue Budget as projected. Discussion: Schmidt made a point of clarification that this is for garbage, road improvements, lake improvements, Stages Island and Lobdell Estates tax.

Motion passed.

School Resource Officer Agreement- Schmidt said this arrangement is working out very well. The school will pay for any extra costs incurred.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to accept the terms of the Linden Schools Agreement and authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to sign the agreement for the School Resource Officer. Motion passed.

Lobdell/ Bennett Lakes Fireworks- Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Saad to approve the Lobdell/ Bennett Lake fireworks permit. Motion passed.

Set Special Assessment Hearing Date:

The hearing date will be on August 14, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

Resolution 2017-12 to Close a County Road for a Parade:

Motion, Graves, seconded by Hallman to adopt Resolution 2017-12. Roll Call: Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes, Saad, yes, Graves, yes and Conner Yes. Motion passed.

Police Building Acquisition:

Schmidt said we have an opportunity to purchase the Ferrell Gas Building and the property that is included in the lease agreement for the Police Building. The appraisal of the property was in the amount of \$130,000. Schmidt recommends that we make a cash offer of \$125,000. to purchase the building. We will need to have an environmental study done. We will also need repairs and upgrades done to the building. Schmidt said he thinks we need to spend up to \$150,000. for the building and repairs and improvements to the property. We will pay cash and have a 10 year return on our investment.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to authorize Treasurer Schmidt to negotiate the terms of the purchase of the Ferrell Gas property, contingent upon an environmental testing in an amount up to \$130,000.

Discussion: Hallman asked if Ferrell Gas will remove the propane tanks. Schmidt said they would. Motion passed.

Saad said at the Annual Meeting it was recommended that the proposed 2017/2018 Township General Fund Department Budget is brought to the Board for approval. Revenue is projected at \$886,355.00. Expenses are planned at \$886,355.00. The budget is balanced.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by, Conner to adopt the 2017/2018 Township General Fund Department Budget as presented. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement Personnel:

Schmidt said the Board has been discussing code enforcement for some time now. Tom Brooks has been doing code enforcement. We would like to give him the opportunity to officially have this job. Schmidt recommends that we appoint Tom Brooks as Argentine Township Code Enforcement Officer.

Hallman moved and Saad seconded the motion to appoint Tom Brooks as Code Enforcement Officer. Motion passed.

Saad suggested that we expand the services and advertise for a Building Inspector that is available for a minimum of 2 days per week.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to advertise in the Tri County Times for a Building Inspector. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Deborah Ortwine- Shared her opinion that that the ordinance is not being enforced and followed through and also the way she was treated.

Glen Stefan- Shared his concern about the manner in which he felt he was treated by the Building Department.

Business from Board Members:

Schmidt-. Our auditor completed bank reconciliations with us today and we came out to the penny on all our accounts. We have received from Yeo & Yeo a Letter of Engagement. The cost is \$15,500.00 for auditing services.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Saad to accept the terms of the Yeo & Yeo Letter of engagement and authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion Passed.

Schmidt said our Dam Operator, John Harwood, does an outstanding job and his pay has not been increased in many years.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Graves to increase the Dam Operator's pay to \$325.00 per month beginning in July 2017. Motion passed.

Hallman- The plans for the County salt barn include trees to be planted. I want to be sure the trees are not planted where they will encroach on the bike pathway.

Haviland Beach Rd. paving is very nice. The lawns have been seeded, driveways have been replaced. Hats off to Zito Construction for a job well done and finished earlier than expected.

Graves- Nothing.

Conner- I passed out information to board Members about code enforcement.

Saad- Regarding the Haviland Beach Dr. easement and pending lawsuit. The Road Commission had their driveway repaired. The job was done and they are not satisfied with the result. We made an arrangement to pay for the driveway to be repaired to satisfy them. It should cost \$3,500.00 to redo it. This is contingent upon them dropping the lawsuit, repairing the wall and rebuilding the garage to meet our building code.

Moved by Schmidt seconded by Graves to allow a \$3,500.00 payment contingent upon

the lawsuit being dropped and no further monetary funds will be expended for this project. Motion passed.

Public comment: Deborah Ortwine- Can I get some support to get a sign at Roach Dr. and Finch?

Saad said in light of the terrorist attack on an officer at Bishop Airport last week, he wants to say thank you and God Bless our Police and Fire Chief, Allen and Lafferty for the job they do.

Adjournment @ 8:00 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor