

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Saad, Graves, Hallman, and Conner, Absent: Schmidt.

Motion, Hallman, second, Conner to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 29, 2018, Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Budget Amendments:

Motion, Graves, seconded by, Hallman to approve the following budget amendments:

Debit #230-301-960-000 in the amount of \$3,500.00

Credit #230-301-702.010 in the amount of \$3,500.00

Debit # 206-336-960.002 in the amount of \$23.00

Credit # 206-336-865.000 in the amount of \$23.00, as recommended by the Clerk. Trustee Conner abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Motion, Hallman, second, Conner to approve payment of expenditures in the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment: Jim Wells, 16244 Bird Rd. - Referenced a bill that former Senator John Gleason helped pass that allowed cable companies to provide service and choose only high density areas. Mr. Wells said he will take a petition around to his neighbors who want high speed internet and asked the Township for help to convince companies to provide services in rural areas.

Jack Baumchen- Said he was ticketed for non-compliance of hooking up to the sewer. Spoke about a court judgement compelling the Township to bring sewer to his home. He does not think the Township has complied with this. Attorney Lattie said the court will decide this matter.

Attorney Report: David Lattie

We have reached a conclusion on the Williston easement case. The court has granted summary disposition. We originally offered \$15,000.00 and the Willistons proposed \$17,000.00 We agreed to accept that amount. The Willistons rejected this offer and fought in court for 1 1/2 years. The Township paid the Willistons \$15,000, which was the original amount of the offer. Due to the Willistons complete lack of discussion and unwillingness to bring this to a conclusion, and rejecting the \$17,000.00 settlement we offered, Mr. Lattie said he will ask the court to award reasonable attorney fees and costs. (the cost is \$22,405.00).

We own a property on Herrington Rd. that the former owners are still occupying. We have asked Judge McCabe to remind the former owners who have lost their home to back taxes to vacate the property.

16215 Knobhill- The lot was cleared and the owner moved much of the items to her residence across the street. We will pursue this with Judge McCabe.

The Lovejoy Rd. accessory structure turned into living quarters in violation of our ordinance. The case is pending in court.

Lattie said the voters in the election decided to remove criminal penalty for possession of recreational marijuana. The burden is now on the municipality to opt out. We want to prohibit the creation of establishments in Argentine Township, at least until the legislature can look at the full landscape.

Attorney Lattie proposed that we adopt Ordinance 77, Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance, in Argentine Township to have in place while the Legislature works on regulations to the new Michigan amendment. It can be amended or reversed in the future if the Board determines that they would want to.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Conner to adopt Ordinance 77, a Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments.

Roll Call: Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Conner, yes, and Saad, yes. Schmidt was absent. Motion passed. Saad noted that Argentine Township will remain a bedroom community.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. Chief Allen said Officers Tony Matthews and Scott Conner responded to a medical assist call for a 74 year old man. The man lost consciousness while the officers were in route. The man's breathing and pulse was extremely weak. Officers Matthews and Conner laid him on the floor and put the AED pads on him, notified Central Dispatch and were advised to begin CPR. After a few minutes, the man began to gasp for breath and appeared to have fluid buildup in his windpipe. The officers rolled the man on his side to try and clear his airway of the fluid and then continued CPR. STAT EMS arrived and relieved Officers Matthews and Conner with the CPR and transported the man to Genesys Medical Center.

A week later the man's wife stopped by the police department and provided an update and thanked the police officers for their efforts. It was stated that the timing of the beginning of performing CPR and timely response of STAT Paramedics to continue the CPR and transport to the hospital is the reason he survived.

Another situation that occurred a while ago was when Officer Jason Jenkins and Reserve Officer Elizabeth "Liz" Mellas, who is also a Paramedic, were dispatched to a residence where a man was struck in the head and face with a glass. It was determined the man was deliberately struck with the glass and had sustained a serious wound to his face and neck. Officer Mellas immediately began life saving measures to reduce and stop the bleeding on the man, who appeared to have a potential severed Carotid Artery. The man was transported to Genesys and had surgery to remove a 2 inch piece of glass from his neck and face. Genesys staff said if Officer Mellas had not taken immediate action to stop his bleeding the man would have died from his injuries.

It is for these reasons that Chief Allen awarded the Departmental Lifesaving Award to Officers Tony Matthews, Scott Conner and Liz Mellas.

Mrs. Sudgen was in attendance and expressed her gratitude for the officers saving her husband's life.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty reviewed his report. Chief Lafferty said they are at 411 runs this year. This is 4 less than last year. Chief Lafferty said he received a letter of resignation from Zachary Thompson, a 7-year member of the Fire Department in good standing. Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to accept the resignation of Zachary Thompson from the Fire Department with the understanding that he can be considered for rehire. Motion passed. Chief Lafferty asked the Board to sign the C.E. Credits contract with Patriot Ambulance for member continuing education credits. Motion by Graves, second by Saad to authorize the Clerk or Supervisor to sign the Services and Consortium Agreement Patriot Ambulance Service, Inc. Motion passed.

All Board Members and their spouses are invited to our annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 8th @ 6:00 p.m. We will be honoring Lee Wigglesworth on his 51 years in Fire Service.

Building Department- There were 4 permits that total \$610.00.

The Planning Commission –Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission has not met since last month and will meet next on December 13th. They will discuss a solar ordinance.

Old Business: Phones:

Trustee Conner has been asked by the Board to look into getting a phone system. He has 2 quotes tonight. Conner recommends the Free Voice System. Moved by Graves, seconded by Hallman to spend up to \$3,000. on the Free Voice Phone System. Discussion: Hallman asked if all the necessary cables are in place. Conner said this is a cloud based system. Motion passed.

New Business: Community Development Block Grant.

Saad said he met with the CDBG representative. A project was discussed about the improvements to the Argentine Care Center including paving the parking lot and other improvements to make easier access for seniors. This will probably not fit the criteria for the grant guidelines. Clerk Graves and I spoke with CDBG representative again about the possibility of improvements, such as stairs and handrails at the Canoe Launch to remove barriers for seniors and people with disabilities and physical impairments and various other needs in the community.

Appointment to Board of Review Due to Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Mark Ebner, it is necessary to appoint a member to the Board of Review. Mr. Allen has served on this Board in the past and can perform the duties. Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to appoint Bruce Allen to the Board of Review. Motion passed.

Public comment: None.

Business from Board Members:

Conner- None.

Hallman – None.

Graves-The election went smoothly. We are scheduled to have Precinct 3 and the Absent Voter Counting Board audited. This is routine for a state or federal election. We do not anticipate any issues.

Saad- A Township resident has offered to supply the Township Hall, Police and Fire Departments with a Kinetico System at no cost. This is a gift to Argentine Township. December 3rd is the installation date.

Saad said the Board has discussed succession planning and he would like to move forward. Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to authorize the officers of the Board to accept resumes in January. Motion passed.

Adjournment at 7:53p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian J. Saad, Supervisor