

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2020
This meeting was held on Zoom.

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Hallman, Graves, and Saad. Schmidt was present on Zoom Video Conference in Linden, Mi. Genesee County, and Conner was present by Zoom video conference in Chesaning, Mi., Shiawassee County, Michigan. Township Attorney D. Lattie was present on Zoom.
Absent: none.

September 28th, 2020 Minutes:

Motion, Hallman, second, Schmidt to approve the minutes.

Motion passed.

Correspondence is on file for review.

Budget Amendments:

Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to debit account #101-276-932-000 in the amount of \$500 and credit account # 101-446-956-000 in the amount of \$500 as recommended by the Clerk.

Clerk Graves explained that the money was a donation from a relative of Nancy Hieber for the Township cemetery.

Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Jim Wells, 16244 Bird Road spoke to the Board relative to the exclusive rights of some cable and internet providers within municipalities. He intends to gather more information for the Board relative to the issue of providing everyone internet availability.

Roger Kelley, 16299 Whitehead Dr. thanked the two outgoing Board members for their service to the community.

Reports:

Police Department- A written report was submitted by Chief Allen. In addition to his report, he stated that County Stats are up and that the Police Department and the Fire Department would be hosting a Trunk and Treat for the residents in the Township. He also advised that State Representative Mike Mueller would be present that evening along with other volunteers.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted by Chief Kurtz. In addition to his report he also advised the Board of their collaboration with the Police Department and the Trunk and Treat evening on Wednesday the 28th between 5–8:00 pm. Chief Kurtz was pleased to tell the Board that Tom Wickman attended both of their training sessions last Sunday and had nothing but praise for their work. Supervisor Saad echoed the same comments after speaking with Mr. Wickman. He asked the Board to accept the resignation of Terrance Balewski as presented and advised the Board that he was in possession of a letter from Trevor Riddle stating that he would like to stay on the department. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Riddle would pay his class fees and upon successful completion and retention with the department would be reimbursed for them. The Board agreed to create one Sergeant Position with a quarterly salary of \$150. Additionally, the Board discussed the generator on Heavy Rescue 18 with the Chief. It's having issues and needs to be replaced.

Motion by Saad, seconded by Hallman to accept the resignation of employment from Terrance Balewski.
Motion passed.

Motion by Graves, seconded by Conner to create one (1) Sergeants position at the Fire Department with a quarterly salary of \$150.00. Motion passed.

Building Department- Saad reported we had 8 building and zoning permits were issued in the amount of \$5,359.90.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission will be meeting on November 12th to discuss the Township Master Plan.

Attorney Report: David Lattie had nothing to add.

Public comment:

Jim Wells, 16244 Bird Road again spoke to the Board about bringing a plan for internet access for all residents in the spring.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman thanked the residents for allowing him to serve them for the past 12 years.

Conner advised the Board of the new wiring that has been completed in the meeting room, the Wi-Fi upgrades and thanked Leslie for her work.

Schmidt asked the Supervisor about the maintenance plan for the new pathway. Saad responded that \$5000 has been allocated annually for pathway maintenance. Mr. Schmidt also informed the Board that today was long time resident Margaret Drake’s 90th birthday. Schmidt wished her a happy birthday.

Discussion ensued amongst Board members relative to the dollar amount still owed on the Whitehead Drive paving project. Board members acknowledge the email from Treasurer Schmidt and his estimate of \$26, 255.00. Saad advised he would get with the Road Commission to discuss it further.

Graves stated that this was her last board meeting. “I want to thank the residents for giving me the opportunity to serve this community for the past 12 years. I would also like to thank the staff for the dedication they have shown to me and the Township.” Additionally, she advised the Board that the office would be open on Saturday, October 31st from 8:00 until 4:30 pm. for last minute absentee voting. To date we have sent out over 2400 ballots.

Saad thanked both Mrs. Graves and Mr. Hallman for their service on the Board. He also read a list of accomplishments that have been completed by the Board in the last 4 years.

Board members also discussed the audit from Yeo & Yeo. Treasurer Schmidt advised the Board that the auditors had no concerns with the Township finances.

Motion by Saad, seconded by Schmidt to accept the audit as presented by Yeo & Yeo.

Motion passed.

Adjournment at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tom Brooks.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor