

## Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Saad, present, Schmidt, present, Hallman, present, and Graves, present. Trustee Conner was absent.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting September 30, 2019. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

### Presentation of Bills:

Motion, Graves, second, Hallman to approve payment of bills as printed in the Board Member package. Motion passed.

Public comment: None.

### Reports:

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty reported we are currently at 390 runs. Chief Lafferty attended a meeting with the State Fire Marshall. They discussed changes to comply with Public Act 291. These should be implemented by April of 2020. The changes will require more training requirements and ongoing training for ranking officers.

We had another successful open house. Thank you to Corrigan for supplying us with vehicles used for demonstrations and extrication training this month. Also, thanks to MFR for bringing their disaster trailer, Byron Masons for providing the child ID program. Hungry Howie's for providing pizza, and to all the firefighters who assisted with the planning and execution of the open house.

The new MFR Dispatching Policy has gone into effect as of October 21<sup>st</sup> at noon.

Thank you to Firefighters Ellsworth and Whalen for representing our department at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat at Linden Elementary School.

Congratulations to firefighter Jeremy Dennis on completion of his EMT class and being the first one from his class to pass the National Registry.

I had 5 quotes for painting the office and kitchen. I am requesting Board approval to accept the quote from Pinwheel Paintings in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman on the recommendation of the Chief to accept the quote from Pinwheel Paintings in the amount of \$1,500.00. Discussion: Saad asked if there were any other remodeling plans. Chief Lafferty agreed to get quotes for replacing the floor. Motion passed.

I am requesting approval to hire Marcus Guerrero and Patrick Bondie, as firefighters that are available in the daytime.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to hire Marcus Guerreo and Patrick Bondie as daytime available firefighters, pending a successful physical exam, background check and drug screen subject to a 1-year probationary period. Motion passed.

Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen was not in attendance. The written report said that Officer Matthews and K-9 Trinity are attending Oakland Crest K-9 Academy and should complete the program in mid November.

The K-9 Defender Fund Inc. donated a "Buddy Bag" valued at \$400.00 which contains various protective items for the K-9.

Officer Teresa Gilbert and Administrative Assistant gave out Halloween Safety items and Officer Gilbert provided a Halloween Trick or treat Safety briefing at Argentine Elementary on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Officer Conner submitted a resignation from the Police Department.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Saad to accept, with regret the resignation of Officer Scott Conner from the department. Motion passed.

Building Department. - Supervisor Saad reported that there were 10 building and zoning permits that total \$4,383.10.

The Planning Commission- No report. Saad read from the Planning Commission meeting minutes. He said it looks like the PC supported the Storage Units. ~~Chairman~~ Roger Kelley was in the audience and said they approved a special use permit contingent upon final site plan approved by Township Board, but no site plan has been submitted for review.

Attorney Report: David Lattie- I want to remind Board Members to please submit their comments on the Dock/ Bridge proposed ordinance. We don't have a rough draft yet.

Schmidt asked about the Baumchen case. Lattie said oral arguments are scheduled around the 1st week of December.

Schmidt asked if we can sue the GCRC for not finishing the agreed upon work and asking us to split the cost of the work still needed on Whitehead Drive. Lattie said it is best to try and work out the issue with an approach that is reasonable and logical. It is difficult to sue another governmental agency because both have governmental immunity for ordinary negligence. A lawsuit should be your last resort. Lattie will send a letter to the Genesee County Road Commission to tell them we are withholding payment until we resolve our issues.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ordinance 79 Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance.

The Consumers Energy Electric Franchise is set to expire on April 2, 2020. The franchise allows Consumers Energy to provide electric to our residents and businesses in the township.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Schmidt to adopt Ordinance No.79. Roll call: Saad, yes, Graves, yes, Schmidt, yes, and Hallman, yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment: None.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman – We have talked about hiring a person to train on all jobs in our offices. Our staff has a lot of seniority and vacation time that we need to cover. I think we need to protect ourselves.

Graves- MLIVE Opt out. There is information on the top left of the paper on how to opt out and stop delivery of the advertisement/ paper that is delivered without a person subscribing to it. Also I want to thank my Deputy Clerk Jane Lefler for organizing our election storage room.

Schmidt-

We need to get our finances in order to accept grants and track expenses in our general fund budget. This would add a line item in the revenue and expenditure lines.

Motion to direct the Clerk to create a line item for state grants, recreation and culture.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to direct Clerk Graves and increase the revenue budget by \$300,000 in line # 101-000-566.000 and increase line # 101-750-801.000 by #300,000. Motion passed.

Our Board has not approved a ride along policy in the Police Department. I recommend that we do not allow a ride along until our insurance can validate this.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to suspend the ride along program until it is approved by our insurance company. Motion passed.

Please get the door painted as soon as possible.

Saad- McCaslin River Eagle Scout Project- William Tottingham completed an Eagle Scout project to improve the McCaslin Lake Canoe Launch. He did a real nice job. I think we should send a letter to him and his troop leader expressing our thanks.

I attended a meeting about the LAFF pathway and the utilities and tree removal are all set. The LAFF Pathway ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 4, 2020.

ELGA Credit Union has expressed interest in contributing to the ceremony with financial help or planning.

Graves asked Chief Lafferty to bring quotes for flooring in the fire hall kitchen to the November meeting. Graves offered to help with getting quotes if needed.

Adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

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Denise Graves, Clerk

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Brian Saad, Supervisor

