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Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2019

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion, Conner, seconded by Hallman to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 26, 2019. Motion passed.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Saad to approve the minutes of Executive Session August 26, 2019. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Presentation of Bills:

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

McKane Lake Public Hearing:

Supervisor Saad opened the Public Hearing @ 7:02 p.m. Treasurer Schmidt explained that the Board had a request to increase the assessment amount due to the cost of treatment. Schmidt reviewed the account and believes after upcoming expenses there will still be a balance. Mary Varady is the President of the McKane Lake Association. It was proposed to increase from the current \$100.00 cost to \$210.00. Auquatic Services treated the lake this year and it is better than it has been in many years. Ms. Varady said the increase amounts to \$9.00 per month or less.

Public comment: Bruce McNier, spoke in favor.

Jeff Peake, spoke in favor.

Michael Rhyne- spoke against.

Lori Willyard- spoke in favor.

Dave Van Est- spoke in favor.

John Schaefer – spoke against.

Clerk Graves said the township received letters and 3 were against and 1 in favor (of the proposed increase to \$210).

Treasurer Schmidt said it seems that people are against the increase of \$110.00. He recommends that the amount be increased to \$130.00 for this year and after all bills are paid it can be addressed again at next year's assessment hearing.

Resolution 2019-16.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to adopt Resolution 2019-16 for McKane Lake to provide maintenance. Roll call: Conner, yes, Hallman, yes, Saad, yes, Graves, yes and Schmidt, yes.

Motion passed.

The assessment will be set at \$130.00 for 1 year.

Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

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Public comment: Maurice Ryan- asked that the Board talk about the process of issuing special assessment bonds prior to discussing this resolution.

Reports:

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty reported there were 362 runs so far this year.

Assistant Chief Frank Hatton has been cleared to return to work on light duty. He will be able to help with administrative work.

Superior Roofing estimates they will power wash the roof of the Fire Department for an amount of \$2,500 or less.

Schmidt moved that we accept the offer from Superior Roofing to power wash the roof for \$2,500. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lt. Jeremy Kurtz, Firefighters Kyle Kurtz, and Todd MacDowell have for successfully completed a Hazardous Technician course. A Memorandum of Understanding will need to be signed for them to join the County Hazardous Materials Team.

Discussion: Schmidt asked who bears the cost of cleanup.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Conner to accept the recommendation of Chief Lafferty and sign the memorandum of Understanding. Motion passed.

Board Members are invited to attend the Annual Open House on Sunday October 6th 12p.m. - 4 p.m.

Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen said the department applied for and was awarded a grant from the Community Foundation in the amount of \$9,000. To assist with the K-9 program. The department conducted interviews and Officer Tony Matthews was selected to be the K-9 handler. First Class Dog Training assisted the department and located a 1.5 year old male Belgian German Shepard named "Trinity". This dog has been trained in obedience and will be ready to begin training in tracking, and drug detection.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to approve training for the K9 and officer. Trustee Conner abstained from the vote. Discussion: Schmidt asked about any additional costs. Motion passed.

Building Department. - Supervisor Saad reported that there were 13 building and zoning permits that total \$ \$10,785.70.

The Planning Commission-

The Planning Commission has recommended to the Township Board that they approve to rezone this parcel as requested.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to approve the request for rezoning parcel # 01-26-400-004 from R-1 to C-2. Motion passed.

Attorney Report: David Lattie discussed a draft of an ordinance on Docks, bridges, dams, and levees that attorney Cliff Bloom had sent. Some board members thought the terms would not work for our township. Mr. Lattie asked that it be marked up and sent back to him with comments so it can be revised. Mr. Lattie will look it over and send a new version to discuss at October meeting. WE have a moratorium in place so there is time to work on this.

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Other communities have had mixed results on The MLive advertisements papers that are distributed without the resident subscribing. It may take a littering ordinance to stop it. This would restrict all pamphlets, religious, political and sales and classify these as litter. Graves asked if exceptions could be included in an ordinance. Graves said she is not in favor of a restrictive ordinance. Saad agreed.

Old Business: Open bids for Property Renovations. There are no bids. Schmidt said the Board will have to file a deficit elimination plan every year until the assessment is paid in full.

Resolution 2019-17 to Accept Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan for Whitehead Dr. Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to adopt Resolution 2019-17. Roll call: Saad, yes, Graves, yes, Schmidt, yes, Conner, yes and Hallman, yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2019-18 to Accept Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan for Haviland Beach Dr. Moved by Graves, seconded by Hallman to adopt Resolution 2019-18. Roll call: Hallman, yes, Saad, yes, Schmidt, yes, Conner, yes and Graves, yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2019-19 Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2019. (General Obligation Limited Tax).

Schmidt sent RFP proposals to 5 institutions. We received 2 back. The Township will pledge their full faith and credit for the bond. State Bank gave us the best deal at 1.9% on a 10-yr bond. The bond is redeemable with no prepayment penalty.

Graves moved to adopt Resolution 2019-19, Saad seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes and Graves, yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Martin Vyskocil- asked if the Lake Association could review a proposed Bridge/ dock ordinance prior to adoption.

Also asked if the doors on the dam will be replaced by the GCRC.

AJ Faught- Key holing was what the dock ordinance was proposed to stop. It would be good to allow the Lake Association to look at the proposed new ordinance.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman – Is Lobdell Rd. resurfacing completed yet?

Conner- None.

Graves- None

Schmidt- None.

Saad- Update on McCaslin River Eagle Scout Project- William Tottingham proposed an Eagle Scout project to improve the McCaslin Lake Canoe Launch that has been approved. There will be a fundraiser at Culver's restaurant in Fenton on October 1st from 5-8. 20% of sales will be donated toward the project.

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I am asking authorization to obtain quotes to have the sidewalk and driveway at Fire hall areas sealed and repaired. There were no objections.

Royalty has given us an agreement for this winter season for snow removal. The Police Department cost is the same and the Township Hall cost reflects a slight increase. Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to sign the agreements for both the Police Department and Township Hall. Motion passed.

Adjournment at 8:10p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor