

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2019

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Schmidt, Hallman, Conner, Graves, and Saad. Absent: None.

Motion, Hallman, second, Conner to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 25, 2019. Motion passed.

There is no correspondence this month.

Budget Amendments:

Moved by Saad, seconded by Conner to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Graves to approve payment of expenditures as presented in the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment:

Deborah Ortwine- A neighbor burned leaves and the smoke blew toward her. Wants to know how to limit burning of wet leaves that cause heavy smoke.

Jim Wells- Asked for follow-up on what can be done to stop delivery of newspapers that are not subscribed to and left in driveways.

Are you aware of any new installations of high speed internet that run down Murray Rd?

Glen Stefan- What are the rulings about chicken coops and chickens on McCaslin Lake area?

On Ripple and Finch Drive, there is a problem with 2 noisy motocross bikes constantly running.

Reports:

Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. Chief said the department will be hosting a "Bike Rodeo" on June 29, 2019 at Linden High School from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. Hurley Trauma Team and MMR Ambulance will also be participating. There will be a safety inspection, bicycle registration, stop the bleed training and hands only CPR instruction.

Genesee County 911 has informed the advisory board that the encryption functions in the new portable mobile radios is due to go live in June 2019.

The Police Department passed the LEIN audit. A few changes that were recommended by the auditor have been implemented.

Schmidt asked if a new firewall has been ordered. Chief Allen said yes.

The department would like to implement a police K-9 program. The department has a history of having an active k-9 program in the past. The last activity was in 2015. A proposal for implementation of the program is in your board package. The K-9 dog will live at Officer Conner's home. The need is there. Recreational marijuana law has changed things. The Michigan

Supreme Court has ruled that a police officer must obtain consent for a search. An officer needs probable cause to search. A K9 sniff is considered probable cause. I am confident that we can raise the money to implement a K9 program.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to allow Police Department of placing a Police dog in the department, provided it becomes certified and start- up cost is born from donations to the department. Discussion- Mr. Lattie said to be certain to run the donations through the township accounts. Motion passed 4-0. Trustee Conner abstained from the vote.

We have an officer that is not fulfilling her contractual hours. Chief Allen is requesting permission to consider this a voluntary quit.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to accept the recommendation of Chief Allen to consider Officer Melissa Hauck a voluntary quit. Motion passed 4-0. Conner abstained from the vote.

Fire Department- No report. Chief Lafferty was absent. Chief Lafferty has requested a personal leave of absence until May 1, 2019.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to accept a personal leave for Chief Lafferty. Motion passed.

Hallman said the new truck has the wheels and is in service.

Building Department- Saad reported 10 building permits were issued in the amount of \$6,103.50.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission met on April 11th and discussed more on the solar ordinance.

Attorney Report: David Lattie -The Bauchem and Hunt cases have been rescheduled for May 23rd at 10:00 and 11:00 am. The Bauchem case was part of a court decision more than 15 years ago about hooking up to the sewer. We need to determine where the sewer lead is in relation to the property.

We have court permission to evict the occupant on our Herrington Rd. property. We executed a notice to quit. A sheriff deputy has been hired. Dumpsters will be brought in. The cost is approximately \$2,500. When the personal property is removed, we will be able to go in and inspect the property.

Adamitis case- A barn was improperly converted to living space. The court gave 180 days to bring this into compliance. If this is not done the barn must be converted back to an accessory structure.

Crest Drive- A man bought the property that was not proper as far as codes. He has been given 110 days to get it consistent with our zoning ordinance or it will be converted back to an accessory structure.

Roach Drive- The court granted permission for the township to demolish parts of the construction that proper permits were not obtained. We will work with code enforcement as we may need to demolish the home as well.

The proposed Solar Ordinance is simple but covers what is needed. After a public hearing is held it will come to the Board. You can amend it or accept it. After it is presented.

Our code enforcement ordinance needs a little clean up to clarify some things. I will review and bring changes in June.

Old Business: Open Bids for Farmland Rental 01-28-100-002.

We received 1bid.

We advertised for bids for the lease of approximately 17 tillable acres of Township owned farmland.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to award the lease to D. Corey Farms LLC. in the amount of \$1,400.00 per acre for 5 years, 2019-2023. Motion passed.

Smith Road Resurfacing 50-50 Money

Supervisor Saad said he met with the GCRC. After they sent an estimate to us for Harper and Pleasant Drives, they have decided not to allow this on non-section line roads this year.

We have a proposal from the GCRC to use 50-50 township participation funds to use 3" of limestone to resurface Smith Rd. from Seymour Rd. east to the Township line. Schmidt said we could move about \$37,000 from the tax account to add to what we have in the budget for roads. Schmidt said the GCRC gets money from the state to divide up among the communities. It requires a matching amount. If you do not have the match, they take the money back. This is inherently wrong! Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to sign the Genesee County Road Commission Cost for Aggregate Resurfacing using 50-50 monies for Smith Rd. Motion passed.

New Business:

Set Budget Workshop Date:

The date of the workshop will be May 8th @ 6:30 p.m.

Richard Whaley PA116 Application:

Schmidt moved approval for Richard Whaley's application of PA 116 for parcel # 01-31-400-014. Motion passed.

Assessor Yearly Field Inspections: Treasurer Schmidt recommends that the township do an annual re-evaluation of approximately 500 homes instead of a whole Township re-assessment. The cost would be approximately \$6,000.00 and be paid from the Tax Account. Doing this will save approximately \$100,000. If we had to do another complete reassessment of the township. Schmidt moved, and Saad seconded, approval to authorize our Assessors to start the process of a re-evaluation of a portion of parcels. Motion passed.

Public comment: Jim Wells- asked about limestone resurfacing on Smith Road.

Marty Vyskocil- A special maintenance set up for Peninsular Drive. Could you use 50-50 money for that?

Business from Board Members:

Saad – An event is being planned, Eric Jones Day at Byron Schools. June 15th.

Adjournment at 7:52 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor