

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2019

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion, Saad, seconded by, Conner to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2019. Motion passed.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the Special Assessment Hearing Minutes of August 8, 2019. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Budget Amendments: None.

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

Public comment: William Tottingham- Eagle Scout Presentation- William handed out copies of his presentation to the board members. He would like to improve and repair the river landing on McCaslin Lake Rd. The foot path is not wide enough for a vehicle. Vehicles damage the hillside and there are sizable potholes in the trail. William wants to put 4 to 6 posts down to impede vehicles from driving on the path and also add gravel to fill potholes and allow the damaged areas to grow back. He also wants to add a bench. The costs for the posts are estimated at \$140. And 2 to 4 yds. of gravel would cost \$500. Tools would cost about \$260. and the wood for the bench about \$200. William estimates the project will cost about \$1,100.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to match donations for the McCaslin Lake Road River Project up to \$600. with funds from our recreation line item. Motion passed.

Harold Nichols – 8070 Silver Lake Rd., offered to donate \$200.00 to the project. Clerk Graves also said she would donate to the project. Saad offered to donate the wood for the posts.

Conner said if you want to get something done, this is the way to do it by having a good presentation to the board members.

The Board congratulated William on a great presentation. The BSA has to approve the project. William hopes to hold a fundraiser to pay for materials and have the project done by October.

Reports:

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. We are at 320 runs currently. The National Night Out was a success. On August 7th, firefighters Todd MacDonnell and Kyle Kurtz provided the children from Wee Care Child Development Center with a tour of the fire station and a safety lesson.

The department is requesting approval to purchase 3 thermal imaging FIR K2 cameras for \$1,047.00 each and 3 protective cases in the amount of approximately \$150.00 each. Saad asked how many cameras did the Fire Department used to have.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to approve the purchase of thermal imaging cameras and cases. Motion passed.

The Fire Department will be assisting with the Car Show on August 25th.

Chief Lafferty is requesting permission to hire Kriste Rogers as a firefighter. He said he put a sign out in front of the Fire Department. Moved by Hallman, seconded by Schmidt to hire Kriste Rogers as a firefighter, pending successful passing of a background check, physical and drug screen. Discussion: We need daytime availability. Conner asked if Chief had actively recruited more applicants. How many applicants have you had? Conner asked Chief Lafferty to send him the file with the advertisement on so it could be put on the website or social media. Saad called the motion. Motion passed.

Police Department- A written report was submitted.

The department will be trained in administration of NARCAN on September 16th. The intent is to have 2 units of NARCAN in each patrol vehicle. The cost of 12 packages that contain 2 units each is \$900. When purchased through the supply company Adappharma.

Schmidt moved that we approve the purchase of Narcan units for the patrol vehicles. Motion passed 4-0 with Conner abstaining.

Officer Jeff Mulnix was trained at the marine/boater safety academy last year. The department has a boat, courtesy of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The intent is to provide 90% education and 10% enforcement type of police activity on the lakes. The boat is in the process of being equipped and marked. It is planned to have it available for the holiday weekend.

Saad said that we need a name for the boat. Saad moved that we name it the "Troy Ounce" in honor and memory of Clerk Graves' grandson Troy, Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Building Department- Saad reported we had 12 building and zoning permits were issued in the amount of \$4,683.84.

The Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

Attorney Report- Attorney Lattie asked for a closed session to discuss a written legal opinion.

Old Business: Open Bids for Herrington Rd. Property.

We received 2 bids. The highest bid was in the amount of \$38,001.00 from Jeffrey S. McDonald. The other bid amount was for \$36,501.00.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to award the bid to Jeffrey S, McDonald. Motion passed.

New Business:

Employee Policy-

Schmidt said he had updated the policy and gave Board Members a copy with the changes highlighted.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to accept the changes and amend the Employee Policy as of August 26, 2019 as so stated. Motion passed.

Set Special Assessment Date.

Mary Varady, McKane Lake Association president, is requesting a September hearing to increase the tax amount collected for McKane Lake weeds. The proposed amount would increase from \$100. to \$210.00.

Motion, Saad, seconded by Hallman to schedule a hearing for McKane Lake Special assessment District on September 30, 2019 @ 6:30, before the next regular board meeting. Motion passed.

Notice Moratorium Ordinance.

A Notice of Moratorium is in each Board Member's packet. Lattie said that this is an emergency ordinance and will be effective one day after publication.

Moved by Graves and seconded by Saad to approve the Notice of Moratorium. Roll Call:

Hallman, yes, Conner, yes, Saad, yes, Graves, yes and Schmidt, yes. Motion passed.

This moratorium is on the construction, placement, installation, expansion, or reinstallation of any private drawbridge, bridge, walkway on or similar structure on, over or within any lake within Argentine Township.

Moratorium Ordinance #78

This ordinance will be in place while we work on updating our ordinance.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to adopt Ordinance # 78.

Roll Call: Conner, yes, Saad, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, Yes and Hallman, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Graves, seconded by Saad to enter executive session. Motion passed.

Entered executive session @7:40 p.m.

Motion, Graves, seconded by Saad to return to regular session. Motion passed.

Returned to regular session @ 8:11 p.m. No decisions were made or motions passed while in executive session.

Public Comment: Teresa Ciesielski gave an update on the LAFF Pathway project. The final design is being finished and will need to be reviewed by the GCRC. Next, the utility poles will need to be moved. This may be a challenge but we are moving forward. This should be around the middle of September. The project is on track for spring of 2020 as planned.

Schmidt asked when we will get the cash reimbursed. Schmidt noted that so far we have spent \$2,000 more than we have received in grants.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman- Asked when the final paving of Lobdell Rd. will happen. Trustee Hallman offered to help William Tottingham with the cleanup at the Canoe Launch.

Conner- None

Graves- Thanked everyone for their kindness to her family.

Schmidt- None

Saad- said we did not know if the GCRC could get to the Pineview paving this year. The bid came under budget at \$709,755.00. It is a go for September or October this year. I have not heard anything about Smith Rd., Harper, or Pleasant.

Adjournment at 8:19 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor