

## **Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2018**

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, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 26, 2018. Motion passed.

There is no correspondence this month.

Budget Amendments: None.

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

Tribute to the Honorable Joseph Graves, 51<sup>st</sup> District State Representative:

Supervisor Saad said it was his high honor to present this tribute to Rep. Graves.

The Board presented retirement tribute in recognition of State Representative Joseph Graves, 51<sup>st</sup> District. Representative Graves has done many things to better the lives of those living in Argentine Township and the entire 51<sup>st</sup> District.

Representative Joseph Graves was asked to provide some information on the new Michigan proposals passed in November. Rep. Graves discussed Proposal 1, the marijuana legalization initiative, Proposal 2, which is the independent redistricting commission, Proposal 3, automatic voter registration as well as the paid sick leave and minimum wage proposal that was amended by the legislature to keep our state competitive for business. Board members were given a written copy of the information.

Public comment: Jim Wells-16244 Bird Rd. - First I want to say thank you to Representative Joe Graves for his service to the district. Joe did a great job.

The Flint Journal distributes a paper that contains only ads to every home. These papers are seen in every driveway and ditch on Sunday and Mondays. Many residents are away on vacation or for the winter so these papers pile up. I consider this littering. I would like the Township to write a letter, pass a resolution or an ordinance that would only allow the paper to be distributed to those who specifically opt in.

Schmidt said we could speak with our attorney about this.

Reports:

Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. Chief said there were 3507 radio calls and 6973 service calls. The department participated in the Shop with a Hero program again this year.

Residents were reminded to lock their homes and vehicles as historically there is an increase in break-ins this time of year.

Residents can sign up on the Township Website form @ [www.argentinetownship.com](http://www.argentinetownship.com) if they will be away for a vacation check request.

Fire Department- Due to early meeting a written report was not available. Chief Lafferty said We are currently at 448 runs. Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Christmas Dinner. Kyle Kurtz was awarded Firefighter of the year and Leland Wrigglesworth was recognized for 50 years and counting in fire service. I would like to thank 51st District Representative Joseph Graves for his presentation.

Building Department- Saad reported 3 building permits were issued in the amount of \$3,795.50.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission met on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Solar Ordinances were discussed. A draft ordinance was given to Attorney David Lattie for his review. Conner thanked Roger Kelley for his help on the draft ordinance. The next meeting will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Report: David Lattie had a conflicting meeting this evening and was not present.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Board of Review Appointments (2 yr.)

Motion, Saad, second, Graves to appoint Dagmar Miller and Gwynne James to serve on the Board of Review. Motion passed.

Appointments to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission:

The representatives will serve from January 1, 2019 until December 1, 2019. The Metro Alliance meets in the Harris Auditorium in the Genesee County Administration Building on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m.

Motion, Saad, second, Hallman to appoint Brian Saad as member and Leslie Renckly as alternate, Motion passed.

Aquatic Services, Inc. Plant Management Services Contract.

This contract is to provide services for plant management of the lakes.

Moved by Saad, seconded by, Hallman to accept the terms of the Aquatic Services contract as approved by the Lobdell-Bennett lakes. Motion passed.

Aquest Proposal Services Contract-

This is related to the management, monitoring and study of Lobdell Lake. The Lake Association has recommended that we sign this contract.

Motion, Saad, second, Conner to accept the terms of the Aquest Corporation contract.

Motion passed.

Resolution 2018-19 MI DNR, Canada Goose Nest Destruction Program

Schmidt said there will be no fee to the US Government and only a small fee to the company that will do the work.

Dr. Paul McEwen spoke about the need for this program. Dr. McEwen said Lobdell/Bennett lakes have a large number of geese. A goose eats 3 to 4 lbs. of food daily and eliminates 2 to 3 lbs. of waste daily. This contributes to the weed problem in the lake. Residents have tried to use statutory of dogs and wolves to detract geese from their property without much relief. The DEQ has a program that allows us to get a license or permit to do nest destruction. We would have to pass a resolution.

Schmidt read Resolution 2018-19.

Motion, Saad, second, Graves to adopt Resolution 2018-19. Roll Call: Saad, yes, Hallman, Yes, Conner, Yes, Graves, yes, Schmidt, yes. Motion passed.

Memorandum of Correction of the Argentine Township/POAM Agreement:

This is an amendment to correct the dates of the wage scale increases for full-time officers. Moved by Graves seconded by Hallman to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between Argentine Township and POAM. Motion passed.

Health Care-

Treasurer Schmidt and Clerk Graves have met with our representative from Brown & Brown regarding our health care policy renewal. Schmidt- We received great news! Our cost will decrease by 3.5 to 3.75%. Our current plan remains the best coverage for the cost. We are looking into vision and dental coverage and are waiting to see what the cost would be before we decide if we can afford the cost. It is my recommendation that we continue with the policy that we have at this time.

Motion, Saad, second, Conner to accept the renewal terms of our Blue Cross Blue Shield policy plan. Motion passed.

Saad noted that there will be no change in our employee health care policy.

Public comment: Jim Wells- Was there any discussion with the attorney after the last meeting regarding the cable law? I am looking for clarity since the law only addressed cable companies.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman- Asked about the pipe being installed on Lobdell Road. There is no date of completion at this date. Asked about a left turn lane at the High School.

Merry Christmas everyone. Saad announced that Mr. Hallman has recently become a grandfather to a baby girl.

Conner- The phone system has been paid for but we still need to purchase hardware. I will try to order it this week.

Graves- I submitted an ad to the Tri County Times for the police vehicle bids. We did very well and passed our election audit. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Saad – We received the good news that our DNR Grant application was recommended for funding in the amount of \$300,000. A formal grant offer will be made in the form of a project agreement after funding is appropriated by the State Legislature in approximately 4 to 6 months. The Kinetico water Softening system has been installed at the Township Office, Fire Hall and Police Department. This was a gift to the Township from Dan and Cindy Abel at no cost to us.

We are very appreciative to them for their generous gift.

Schmidt- I have the agreement for the collection of summer taxes for both Linden Community Schools and Genesee Intermediate School District. I am not proposing any increase in the fees. I ask for authorization to sign these agreements.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Graves to authorize the treasurer to sign the agreement to collect summer taxes for Linden Community Schools and GISD. Motion passed.

Adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

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Denise Graves, Clerk

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Brian Saad, Supervisor