

**Argentine Township Board Minutes
January 27, 2020**

Called to order 7:02 p.m.

Pledge by Supervisor Saad

Roll Call: Hallman present, Conner present, Saad present, Graves absent, Schmidt present

Minutes:

Motion by Hallman, second by Conner to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting on December 30, 2019. Motion passed.

Correspondence available to view Addendum #1 (n minutes book).

Budget Adjustments:

Motion by Schmidt, second by Hallman to approve the budget amendments on Addendum #3 (in minutes book). Motion passed

Presentation of bills:

Moved by Hallman, second by Saad to approve payment of bills as printed with addition of check #5445 for \$1,500 to Pinwheel Painting, check #5446 for \$3,500 to M. Garrison for firehall kitchen remodel and elimination of check #5445 to Pro Comm for lights for police vehicles. Motion passed.

Public Comment: none

Reports:

Fire Department:

Chief Lafferty submitted written report. Reported 9 runs. Painting in firehall is completed except for touchups as needed after floors and lights are installed. Windows 7 issue has been rectified by replacing computer which is on order and will be in shortly. New computer for officers should be in shortly. Interviews: out of 4 applicants, we have one name to present for recommendation pending background check and medical screening. Treyton Klaassen is currently enrolled in EMT program. Will be completing medical training on his own. Daytime availability, lives in area. Motion by Saad to accept Treyton Klaassen pending background checks and medical testing, second by Hallman. Motion passed.

In packet, letter from state fire marshal states departments need to be reporting monthly to NFIRS to be eligible for free training. We remain eligible for training thanks to Mr. Brooks who has been submitting reports to the NFIRS.

Police Department:

Chief Allen submitted written report: #1 Received \$250 from Linden Lions Club for K-9 unit. #2 Short two part-time officers. Conducting Interviews. Recommends Steven Carlson, background and physical checks pending. Need another officer to maintain 29 hours. Takes three months for field training program. Schmidt asked about looking for an officer already qualified rather than train a new one. Allen: Orientation time depends on how long officer is off the job and could require 1-1/2 months to acclimate an officer to our procedures. Concerns are that a new person may be more likely to move on after training. Hasn't had success in getting more money for part-time officers. Saad suggested we table for one month to analyze and talk about it later.

Police chief instructed to cancel order for three more bubble lights because of high cost.

Building Department:

Saad reported we have five permits totaling \$3,963.30.

Planning Commission:

Trustee Conner reported that at the January 9 meeting, final plans for C-2 mini storage were recommended for approval. Applicant Cale Gillett presented certified letter that he would provide more trees for screening if the need arose. He may go to ZBA later to appeal fencing recommendations. Contrary to ordinance, he wants barbed wire to provide the most secure area for his renters. This does not affect plan as presented. Questions were asked about paving. Saad suggested we continue discussion under New Business.

Attorney Lattie had Cliff Bloom proposal for dock/bridge/pier down to "bare bones" applications but still much longer than previous dock ordinance. Lake Association should look at it before adopting, then send to Attorney Lattie. Not necessary to go back to Planning Commission. Schmidt: wants it condensed more. "We've done very well over years with existing dock ordinance until one issue surfaced. Proposed ordinance has way too much verbiage. Pare down more for February meeting". Suggestions that we extend moratorium on any bridge activity until April with completion of ordinance before Memorial Day. Send to Lake Association to view at their next meeting by March 30, then have March and April to digest.

Old Business:

East door of dam is fixed and operational. Other door still inoperable. Spillway had faulty switch.

New Business:

C-2 storage facility. Phase 1 with three buildings will be starting in June. Saad made motion to approve plan . Schmidt second. Discussion: Hallman: is there a bond to guarantee landscaping if needed? Asked about completion date on whole project. Gillett: no firm completion date. Will depend on how units are filling. Will not guarantee he will build all 10 buildings if he can't fill them but is adamant that there won't be unfinished buildings. Amended motion to approve site plan with \$500,000 surety bond. Motion passed.

Additional Expenses: Saad moved, Schmidt second to approve paying increase for kitchen ceiling \$850, for the new appliances in the firehall kitchen \$1,365.55 and computer purchase of \$814.09 for Leslie. Motion passed.

Board of Review:

Jane suggested we allow written petitions by mail. Schmidt made motion, Saad second. Motion passed.

Public Comment: none

Board comments:

Hallman: Basement electrical issues to be worked on February 3.

Conner: nothing

Schmidt: Health insurance up for renewal with Brown and Brown, moved to renew, Saad second. Motion passed.

Saad: Jeff Chandonette, Seymour Rd. Is one of several houses pushing water to road commission drain. Plan is to dig trench. Would like to see joint project with road and drain commissions working on plan. Nobody seems to be opposed to it. Attempts to form a drainage district is in order.

West door to dam: GCRC still hasn't figured out how to deal with it.

Pathway through middle school ditch to be extended. Less fall risk. Mid March for bid letting. Ground breaking May 4.

Adjourned 7:53 p.m.