

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2019

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Hallman, Graves, and Saad. Absent: Schmidt and Conner.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Tom Florida, who retired as our assessor several years ago and Norm Trahan, as well as residents that have passed away in our Township.

Motion, Hallman, second, Saad to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 20, 2019. Motion passed.

Motion, Hallman, second, Saad to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of May 28, 2019. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Budget Amendments:

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

Motion, Graves, seconded by Saad to approve payment of expenditures as presented in the board package, with the addition of \$53,328.12 in additional bills that were paid today. Motion passed.

Public comment: None.

Reports:

Fire Department- No written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said Frank Hatton has received a lung transplant and is doing well. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held to cover ongoing expenses for Assistant Chief Frank Hatton this Saturday at the Linden Free Methodist Church on Linden Rd. The time is at 4:00 p.m. The cost for adults and children is \$10.00 per person.

I received a letter from Jeremy Hatton requesting to be reinstated as a firefighter.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Saad to re-hire Jeremy Hatton as a firefighter. Motion passed.

Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen said the department will host a bike rodeo that will take place June 29th at Linden High School from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be bicycle safety taught and inspections, a first aid station, safety helmet give-away, food and other activities.

Building Department- Saad reported we had 17 building permits were issued in the amount of \$8,623.40.

The Planning Commission – No report.

Attorney Report: David Lattie discussed court cases. George Ann Hunt- The case was settled out of court. We agreed to dismiss the ticket.

Baumchen- The case was adjourned until July 8th @ 1:00 p.m.

Old Business: Open Bids for Demolition 12251 Herrington Rd.

We received bids from the Adams Group Inc, in the amount of \$23,350, JW Field in the amount of \$18,859. and Ed Vandeboss in the amount of \$14,980.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to authorize the clerk to get clarification regarding the scope of the work and decide to whom is awarded the bid. Motion passed.

New Business:

Set Special Assessment Date:

The Special Assessment Hearing will be held on August 8, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

2018/2019 Amended Special Revenue Budget:

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Graves to accept the amended budget. Motion passed.

Adopt 2019/2020 General Fund Budget:

This budget includes pay increases for Jane Lefler in the amount of \$1.00 per hour and Leslie Renckly in the amount of \$2.00 per hour. Tom Brooks will have an increase in his hourly wage in the amount of \$1.00 per hour.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Graves 2019/2020 General Fund Budget as printed. Motion passed.

Adopt 2019/2020 Police Department Budget:

This budget includes pay increases for Rebecca Nemecheck in the amount of \$0.50 per hour and an increase of \$3,000. for Chief Allen. Moved by Graves, seconded by Hallman to adopt the 2019/2020 Police Department Budget as printed. Motion passed 3-0.

Adopt 2019/2020 Fire Department Budget:

This budget includes a pay increase in the amount of \$1,000. Annually for Chief Lafferty.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Hallman to adopt the 2019/2020 Fire Department Budget as printed. Motion passed.

Adopt 2019/2020 Special Revenue Budget:

Saad said to please keep in mind this is a fluid budget will change as the year progressed. Saad recommends adoption of this budget.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Graves to adopt the 2019/2020 Special Revenue Budget as printed. Motion passed.

Solar Ordinance:

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on June 13th. The Planning Commission is recommending that the Township Board Adopt the Solar Ordinance as part of our Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Hallman, seconded by Graves to adopt the Solar Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Hallman, yes, Graves, yes and Saad, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution to Discontinue Annual Meeting:

Mr. Lattie has recommended that we discontinue the Annual Meeting.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Graves to accept Resolution 2019-8 to discontinue the Annual Meeting as of June 25, 2019. Roll call: Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Saad, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Adopt Schedule for 2019/2020 Meetings:

Clerk Graves has given each Board Member a copy of the proposed Meeting Schedule for 2019/2020 year. Clerk Graves moved adoption of the schedule as presented. Saad seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approve Survey with Storage Units:

Graves moved that we approve the survey work with Argentine Storage Units. Hallman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Appointment to the Planning Commission:

Supervisor Saad recommended that Heather McIntosh be re-appointed to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending 7-25-2022. Motion by Graves, seconded by Hallman to re-appoint Heather McIntosh to the Planning Commission for terms ending on 7-25-2022. Motion passed.

Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Supervisor Saad recommended re-appointing Mark Ruhlig to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term ending 7-25-2022. Motion by Hallman, seconded by Graves to re-appoint Mark Ruhlig to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending on 7-25-2022. Motion passed.

Fireworks Ordinance 64-1:

Attorney Lattie has recommended this amendment to our Ordinance.

Hallman moved adoption of the Ordinance 64-1. Graves seconded the motion. Roll call; Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, and Saad, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Yeo & Yeo Engagement Letter:

We have received a Letter of Engagement from Yeo & Yeo. The cost has increased to \$ 16,000 for auditing services. This year's audit will begin on July 29, 2019.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Hallman to accept the terms of the Yeo & Yeo Letter of Engagement and authorize the Treasurer to sign the agreement. Motion passed.

Ted Hartleb Insurance- Township Property:

We have the renewal terms and cost from Ted Hartleb Agency for a cost of \$89,565. The policy renewal reflects a slight increase from last year. The cost breakdown is \$42,954.97 for the Fire Dept., \$29,280.66 for the Police Department and \$17,329.37 for the Township Office.

Motion, Graves, second, Hallman to accept EMC Insurance Company Renewal terms effective July 1, 2019. Motion passed.

Resolution 2019-9, a Resolution to Close a County Road:

The Argentine Care Center and the North Shore Market would be authorized to make an application to the GCRC on behalf of Argentine township for the permits necessary to close Seymour Rd. from Silver Lake to Harper Street so they can have a car show within the road right-of-way.

Hallman moved to authorize the Lobdell/Bennett Lake Association to do a professional fireworks show on August 31, 2019 at approximately 9:00 p.m. Graves, seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hallman, yes, Graves, Yes, and Saad, yes.

Public comment: Jim Rivett- Inquired about the schedule on Hoisington Rd.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman- None.

Graves- The old rescue truck was listed on an online auction by Govdeals. We will not have to pay a commission or pay for an ad. There are 24 bids as of now. The truck will be picked up by the winner of the bid.

Ballots were mailed today for Byron School District voters.

I want to thank Jamie Ockerman, Jeremy and Kyle Kurtz and John Cross for removing the light bar and decals from the rescue vehicle so it can be sold.

Saad-I attended a MATS Conference about tweets, tips and texts. We all need to be careful what we text and tweet.

Saad also discussed complaints of the Road Commission substandard materials used on Smith Road.

Peninsular Rd. and Murray Rd. were also discussed with the Road Commission.

Adjournment at 7:44 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor