

Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting July 25, 2016

Call to order @ 7: 00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Ciesielski, present, Cole, present, Schmidt, present, Hallman, present, and Graves, present. Absent: none.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Ciesielski to approve the minutes of June 27, 2016 and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on July 2, 2016. Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

There are no budget amendments.

Motion, Hallman, second, Ciesielski to approve payment of bills as presented. Motion passed.

Public comment: Lenny Brousseau, owner of Ekklesia restaurant, said his establishment is now open for business. Today was their first day. The board members all received a menu. He is happy to be of service to the community. The Silver Lake Rd. entrance is being blocked for now and will be addressed.

Police Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Allen said the new patrol vehicle is in. Pro-com has taken over operations at Blumerich Communications. Their bid for installation of the emergency equipment is lower than in the past.

The Ryan Stevens case is coming to an end. Ryan Stevens pled guilty to the charge of possession of child sexually abusive material and will plead guilty for attempted terrorism in the Linden School shooting plot. The minors involved have not been given a trial date yet.

We received a letter from MMR about a matching grant for 2 AED units for the patrol cars. This will require a matching contribution of \$1,450.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Cole to authorize Chief Allen to purchase the AED units. Motion passed.

Chief Allen received a letter from officer Arch Ravert stating he is retiring as of July 21, 2016. I would like to make a plaque to present to him next month.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Cole to accept Officer Ravert's retirement letter to the board of trustees. Motion passed Ravert's retirement benefits and obligations will be handled pursuant to applicable statutes.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said the fire ban has been lifted. He urges caution to be used since it has been so hot and dry.

Building Department: Cole said 12 permits were issued that amount to \$9,077.00.

Planning Commission: Hallman- There was no meeting held since last board meeting. Schmidt asked about a clarification regarding article 17.04.03 accessory buildings.

Assessor Report: Cole read the written report.

Attorney: David Lattie gave an oral report. Attorney Lattie said The Township seems to have issues fairly often with building code and zoning violations. I would like to propose bringing an ordinance for you to look at and decide if you want to adopt it. This will be a municipal civil infraction and will take the criminality out for violators, but will impose a fine. It will be easier to convict a violator and make code enforcement easier. You can consider a stand alone ordinance, building code and zoning. It would take effect 30 days after publication. I will have it next board meeting.

The Argentine vs. Legan case has been rescheduled for Friday at 9 a.m.

The case with Heathes Harbor has been resolved.

We hope to resolve the Haviland Beach Dr. Case in September.

Schmidt said that there is a situation with 16273 Whitehead Dr. The vacant property owner wants to build a house. They need to tap into the Simplex pump. An easement is needed. The property owners refuse to grant an easement even after we made a good faith effort. I think we need Mr. Lattie to get an appraisal and we go for condemnation to obtain the easement.

Lattie said if the question is about access, we have the right to access our equipment.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Cole to authorize Mr. Lattie to begin proceedings to obtain the right of way. Motion passed.

Schmidt said the property at 16267 Seymour Rd, owned by Mr. Baumchen, is under a past court order to compel Baumchen to hook up to the sewer. Schmidt asked if the order is still in effect and what do we need to do to reaffirm the court order. Lattie said he believes the order is still in effect.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Cole to bid out the project for 16267 Seymour Rd. for a sewer lead to accommodate Mr. Baumchen.

Old Business: None

New Business: Cost for Milling & Paving Duffield Rd between Silver Lake Rd. and Herrington Rd.

Cole said we have a cost for the project and can use 50-50 matching funds. Wedge sealing and chip stone will be used. The total cost is estimated at \$97,093.22 and if we use matching funds our cost will be \$45,440.00.

Motion, Cole , second, Ciesielski to use Township matching Allocation Funds to do milling & paving on Duffield Rd. between Silver Lake Rd. and Herrington Rd. Motion passed.

Pineview Lake Sub and Softwater Drive.

Cole said the time is short. Residents have approached and asked to have to add Pineview Dr, Softwater Lake Dr., and Peninsular Dr. to the assessment hearing list. Schmidt said he wants to be sure the board listens to what the residents desire to do.

Ciesielski asked that Woods at River Ridge sub division be added since they have a cost.

Motion, Cole, second Ciesielski to add these streets including Woods at River Ridge subdivision to the assessment hearings.

Motion passed.

Public comment: Marie Robinson asked why Softwater Lake Dr. is being included since she thinks it is fine.

Jason La Celle -- Asked about the status of White Oaks Dr. petition.

Business from Board Members:

Graves- The office will be open on Saturday for absentee voting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The election is next Tuesday. All voters will vote at the fire hall. We will have police available to direct traffic.

Schmidt: At the special assessment hearings Lobdell Lake residential and commercial property will be addressed.

Stages Island assessment district has run into a problem infringing on adjacent property. They have come up with a plan and are asking if the township will consider contributing to the cost of this.

Hallman: The fire chief has looked over the application from Gen X for fireworks over Labor Day weekend from the Lake Association.

Are we using Stuart for code enforcement? We should have a designated person.

Temporary sign permits- a business owner asked why a temporary sign is being permitted at the mill. We are not sure what the building is being used for.

Schmidt said we have an inherent problem because we do not have a code enforcer. The board should begin to think about how we want to proceed.

I gave each of you a copy of an actuary cost study about health insurance. I want each of you to look at it and especially the last page. The future liability could be \$1,300,000.00.

Ciesielski: None.

Cole: Last Friday was the Dam inspection with the DEQ. I asked the DEQ to write a letter with much more stern language. The issues of sides falling, re-rod showing, gate not operational and trees that need removing should be addressed.

Adjournment @8:02 p.m.

Denise M. Graves, Clerk

Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor