

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Graves, present, Cole, present, Schmidt, present, Ciesielski, present, and - Hallman, present.

Motion, Ciesielski, second, Hallman to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 29, 2016. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

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

Public comment:

Chris Copeland- asked for clarification about riparian rights regarding his property to be combined.

Sue Wenzlick- asked if she could combine her lots. Also asked about an issue with her neighbor's dock.

Mike Drake- asked if he would encounter a problem due to his 5 ft. walking easement on the lake when he sells his home.

Pete Ponzetti- introduced himself as the candidate running for the 6th District County Commissioner.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen reviewed the report. Chief Allen said he would like to post part-time police officer positions on MCOLES due to an officer who will be moving and one that has had no availability recently. Chief Allen said in accordance with the POAM police union contract, section 15.4 on Page 17, he recommends that the board consider Lex Crooks as a voluntary quit. Attorney Lattie asked questions of Chief Allen as to the circumstances of Crook's not submitting for any shifts.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Ciesielski to accept the recommendation of Chief Allen to consider Officer Lex Crooks as a voluntary quit in accordance with the police union contract. Motion passed. Chief Allen will send Crooks a letter to return township property that was issued to Crooks.

The Woods at River Ridge has installed traffic signs that are not legally authorized. The GCRC will be removing the illegal signage and Argentine Township police are only authorized to enforce legal speed limits. The HOA has been informed of this.

Hallman thanked the police and officer Mulnix for their work at the fireworks on Lobdell Lake.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty reported the training with MSP fire investigator was put on hold as interest from many other communities was expressed. Training times will be scheduled.

The department has found new ways to have fun while training by playing dodge ball in full equipment and other creative ways.

The construction module for our new rescue unit has started.

The plow for truck 1 has been ordered. Training will take place before the plow is put to use.

Overhead doors are ordered and we plan to have them installed by our open house.

Building Department- A written report was submitted. Supervisor Cole reported 4 building permits were issued in the amount of \$3,631.60 and also there were 4 zoning permits that amount to \$1,010.00.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Hallman said The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing this month on accessory buildings

Assessor Report- No report.

Attorney Report: David Lattie- The state Legislature has clarified the medical marijuana law. We have a moratorium on dispensaries in this township. The law says that a dispensary can only be established if the municipality wants to create an ordinance for this. We must first decide if we want one. We can pass a resolution to not allow this and make a motion to remove our moratorium. Lattie will bring a resolution next board meeting.

8070 Silver Lake Rd. property- we asked for this property to be condemned. I spoke with the Nichols' attorney. They understand what we want. They are asking for an 8 month period of time. We can ask for a performance bond if our building inspector thinks they are falling behind. It is the consensus of the board members that the 8 month time frame is acceptable since progress is being made.

Schmidt asked about the Tuttle Dr. property and Lattie said we have an October 10th court date scheduled.

Graves asked Lattie to contact the attorney for Mr. Legan about lack of progress toward the court agreement.

Old Business: Computer Services

Cole said he recommends we accept T. Daniel's proposal.

Motion, Cole, second, Schmidt to accept proposal 6023 from T. Daniel Consulting contract for our computer servicing.

Discussion: Schmidt noted that this proposal requires us to upgrade some of our equipment. A list of what is recommended was reviewed. Schmidt said we have already budgeted for these upgrades.

Motion passed.

New Business:

Planning Commission:

Motion, Cole, seconded by Ciesielski to re-appoint Roger Kelley to a 2-year term.
Motion passed.

Open Bids For Sale Of Property:

Clerk Graves received 1 bid for the 15191 Roach Dr. property.

The bid was received from Dave Thornton in the amount of \$1,800.00.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Ciesielski to award the bid to Dave Thornton in the amount of \$1,800.00. Motion passed.

Clerk Graves also received 1 bid for the McCaslin Lake Rd. properties.

The bid was received from John Neuwirth in the amount of \$3,350.00

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to award the bid to John Neuwirth in the amount of \$3,350.00. Motion passed.

Open Bids For Sale Of Vehicle: Tabled.

Snow Removal: Tabled.

Resolution 2016-9 Safe Routes to Schools:

Motion, Ciesielski, seconded by Cole to adopt Resolution 2016-9.

Graves, Yes, Cole, Yes, Hallman, yes, Ciesielski, yes, Cole Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2016-10 401(a) & 457 Retirements.

Motion, Cole, seconded by Hallman to adopt Board Resolution 2016-10 to transfer Record Keeping and Assets of the 401(a) and 457(b) plans to One America. Motion passed.

Hallman, yes, Ciesielski, yes, Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes.

Talm Enterprises letter:

Motion, Cole, second, Schmidt to approve the removal the north Quonset hut and the carport at the Argentine Milling Company, Restaurants & Tavern, LLC. Motion Passed.

Public comment:

Richard Brunette- asked the police chief a question about a traffic situation with a school bus.

Tracy Willett-Williams- asked about working hours of part-time officials.

Angela Bothell- asked about RV ordinance enforcement in the township.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman- Lobdell Lake Labor Day Fireworks went well. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation.

Schmidt- We have an issue with our check writing. Schmidt motioned to approve the issuing of checks anytime throughout the month to cover invoices that have due dates and for re-imburement of funds. Graves seconded this motion. Motion passed.

I ask the board to authorize me to negotiate the sale of 15221 Roach Dr. property with the neighbor.

Motion, Cole, seconded by Hallman to authorize Treasurer Schmidt to negotiate the sale of the property at 15221 Roach Dr. with the neighbor. Motion passed.

I am asking the board to approve listing the property for sale on Pine Walk pass with Andy Alger, a Realtor.

Motion, Cole, seconded by Hallman to authorize the treasurer to list the Pine Walk Pass property with real estate agent Andy Alger from ReMax. Motion passed.

Graves- Absentee ballots are now available.

Ciesielski- this was a good month for our pathway. The Fenton Community Fund has granted us \$7,000.00 toward our project. The plan was for us to have our engineer do a topographic survey before the snow falls. I am asking for authorization to have the supervisor sign a contract for the survey.

Motion, Ciesielski, seconded by Cole to authorize the supervisor to sign a contract to start the project when grant award is confirmed.

Discussion: We have not received any confirmation that we have received this grant.

Ciesielski said she knows we have been awarded this grant and will get confirmation.

Motion passed.

Cole said they went to the county for the 1st of a 3-step process. We are applying for a \$462,000.00 grant toward the pathway that is scheduled for completion in 2020.

Ciesielski said we will apply for a DNR Trust grant next.

Cole- nothing.

Adjournment at 8:17p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Robert Cole Jr., Supervisor