

## **Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2016**

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Graves, Saad, Hallman, Schmidt, and Conner. Absent: None.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 24, 2016. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

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

Public comment: Roger Kelley welcomed Supervisor Saad and Trustee Conner.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. Chief Allen said that Officer Walters has returned from a medical leave today. I have a recommendation to hire Paul Honkanen as a part-time police officer.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Graves to authorize Chief Allen to hire Paul Honkanen as a part-time police officer, subject to a successful background check and a one-year probation period. Motion passed.

Chief introduced Lynn Schutter from MMR and she and her crew. MMR has provided the police department with 2 AED devices with a matching grant. These will save lives.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty reviewed his report. Chief Lafferty discussed the repair issues on Rescue 18 and Engine 13.

The department will be participating in a study to allow EMTs and MFRs to carry an Epinephrine kit that will include a vial of medication and the syringe. They are waiting for approval from the State authorities. This will allow us to reduce the cost of the Epi Pen from \$255.00 to \$15.00.

We will be pooling our order to replace outdated fire hoses. We will save over 32% of the cost. I need board approval to spend \$7,900.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chief to replace the old hoses for \$7,900.00.

Discussion: Schmidt asked if the fire dept. budget can handle this cost. Chief Lafferty said yes. Supervisor Saad asked if the old hoses could be donated to the athletic program at the school. Chief Lafferty said yes.

Motion passed 5-0.

The annual Christmas Party will be held at Lucky's in Fenton on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Board members and their spouses are invited to attend.

Building Department- Saad reported 12 building and zoning permits were issued in the amount of \$11,091.90.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Hallman said the Planning Commission has worked the past few months on Ordinance 12, section 17.04, accessory structures over boats. They held a public hearing and made adjustments after the public comments. Attorney Lattie pointed out that boat docks are covered in the ordinance.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the amendment to Ordinance 12, section 17.04. Motion passed.

Motion Graves, second, Schmidt to amend section 27.01, add section 27.02 and delete language on section 27.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion passed.

Trustee Conner will be serving on the Planning Commission and will be bringing up the Quonset hut issues forward.

Assessor Report- Assessor Lori Cash submitted a written report and said she would like to hold an informal meeting to educate new owners who purchased or built a new home. Probably we will do this in February. This will help answer their questions.

Attorney Report: David Lattie discussed pending cases. 16207 Knobhill Dr. The court set a timeline and requirement to obtain building and electrical permits to rehabilitate the home. There has been some progress on clean up of the outside, but no permits have been requested. We have a motion for the court to consider the owner in violation of the agreement scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>.

We were not able to reach an agreement on the appraised value of the Haviland Beach Dr. easement. We have an ADR hearing scheduled December 14<sup>th</sup>. The trial date is scheduled in February. We will have to accept or reject this appraisal. Our appraisal was in the amount of \$15,000.00.

8070 Silver Lake Road. - We had concerns about the condition of the property. The property was sold and the new owner has made significant progress rehabilitating the home. We had an 8 month timeline. This has been amicable and we thank Mr. Nichols for his effort and cooperation.

16267 Seymour Rd. - There was a court order for the owner to hook up to the sewer. Schmidt said a letter should be written from Supervisor Saad to inform the owner that by early spring we will contract to put a sewer lead in. The owner has indicated he will hook up to the sewer.

7340 Lahring Rd. – The ZBA heard a request from the owner asking permission to allow him to keep equipment associated with his business on the property. The ZBA did not approve this. Lattie asked what direction the Board wanted to go with this issue to get compliance. Lattie suggested we go to circuit court.

Motion, Schmidt, second Graves to authorize Attorney Lattie to proceed in circuit court to obtain compliance. Motion passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-  
Motion, Saad, second, Schmidt to appoint Tom Hallman to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending on November 20, 2020. Motion passed.

Appointment to the Planning Commission.  
Motion, Saad second, Graves to appoint Scott Conner to the Planning Commission for a term ending on November 20, 2020. Motion passed.

Appointment to the Genesee County Metro Alliance.  
Motion, Saad, second, Graves to appoint Brian Saad to the Genesee County Metro Alliance. Motion passed.

Appointment to the Genesee County 911.  
Motion, Saad second, Hallman to adopt Resolution 2016-11 to appoint Brian Saad to the Genesee County 911 Committee. Motion passed 5-0.

Appointment to the Genesee County Water & Waste Advisory Committee  
Motion, Saad, second, Hallman to appoint Brian Saad to the Genesee County Water & Waste Advisory Committee. Motion passed.

Appointment to the NPDES Surface Water Committee.  
Motion, Saad, second, Conner to appoint Brian Saad to the NPDES Committee. Motion passed.

Appointment to Roads and Bridges Committee.  
Motion, Saad, second, Graves to appoint Brian Saad to the Roads and Bridges Committee. Motion passed.

Appointment to the Loose Committee.  
Motion, Saad, second, Hallman to appoint Scott Conner to the Loose Committee. Motion passed.

Lease for Ferrelgas (Police building).  
Tabled. Schmidt said we received a notice of a 33% increase in rent for renewal. Schmidt sent an email and asked for them to re-consider the increase due to the condition of the property. A representative of Ferrelgas came and spoke with Schmidt and Saad. An inquiry was made about a purchase price. The meeting was positive and we will wait for a response.

Appointment to the Shiawassee Water Trail Coalition  
Motion, Saad, second, Graves to appoint Brian Saad to the Shiawassee Water Trail Coalition. Motion passed.

Appointment to the LAFF Pathway Project  
Motion, Saad, second, Conner to appoint Tom Hallman to the LAFF Pathway Project Committee. Motion passed.

Healthcare

Tabled. Clerk Graves received a letter regarding our BCBS renewal from our healthcare provider that informed us of a 7.26 increase in premium. Clerk Graves will get more information and bring back to the Board.

Public comment: None.

Business from Board Members:

Conner- None.

Hallman- I want to thank the Police Chief and officers for the fine job of managing Election Day traffic. I want to welcome Supervisor Saad and Trustee Conner. We need to update our 5-year plan.

Graves- I want to thank the Police also and my Deputy Clerk Jane, my election staff, AVCB Chairman and Leslie Renckly for their help on this busy election. We had a large turn-out. Things went very smooth with no complaints. I also want to thank the Board for their support on re-locating precincts to the church.

Schmidt- Mr. Renckly brought us 3 quotes for upgrading our outside lighting. Standard was \$1742.31, CES was \$2,206.89 and K/E Electric Co. was \$1,590.40 with a 5-year warranty. Mr. Renckly preferred K/E. The labor would cost \$300.00 for installation. I recommend we approve this purchase and installation.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Graves to approve the purchase from K/E Electric Co. and installation cost for exterior lighting.

Discussion: Hallman asked about the type of lights that will be installed.

Motion passed.

Saad – Thank you to the Police and Fire Chiefs and the board for being so generous in bringing me up to speed. A big thank you to former Supervisor Cole. Mr. Cole took me to every board meeting in the County to introduce me to them and helped me get started. I appreciate it.

Adjournment at 7:53 p.m.

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Denise Graves, Clerk

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Brian J. Saad, Supervisor