

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2016

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Graves, present, Saad, present, Conner, present, Schmidt, present, and Hallman, present.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the minutes of November 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

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

Motion, Graves, second, Hallman to approve payment of bills as presented, plus \$243,794.00 to be paid to the GCRC for Haviland Beach Dr. paving project the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment:

Presentation from Beverly Vonda "Night Out August 1, 2017." Ms. Vonda informed Board Members about Night Out August 1, 2017 event planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 202 South Bridge Street in Linden. The event is in appreciation of police, fire and EMS personnel. The event is planned with 4 municipalities participating. There will be food, fun, music and activities. Volunteers are needed to help.

Resolution 2016-12 honoring Bob Cole.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to adopt Resolution 2016-12 honoring Bob Cole.

Roll Call: Graves, yes, Schmidt, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes, Hallman, yes. Motion passed.

Jane Lefler was given the honor of presenting the tribute to Bob Cole.

Representative Joe Graves presented a State of Michigan tribute to Bob Cole acknowledging his contribution to Argentine Township.

Resolution 2016- 13 Honoring Teresa Ciesielski.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Conner to adopt Resolution 2016-13 honoring Teresa Ciesielski.

Roll Call; Schmidt, yes, Graves, Yes, Hallman, yes, Saad, yes and Conner, yes. Motion passed.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen reviewed his report.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty was not in attendance. Schmidt read the report.

Building Department- A written report was submitted. Supervisor Saad reported 5 permits were issued in the amount of \$\$2,095.00.

The Planning Commission – No report. There has not been a meeting since last month.

Assessor Report- A written report was submitted. Supervisor Saad reviewed the report.

Attorney Report: David Lattie discussed the ADR hearing about the underground storm water easement appraisal and ADR award. We must accept or reject the award. Mr. Lattie asked for a closed session later in the meeting to discuss pending litigation and a written attorney opinion.

The Legan case at 16207 Knobhill was in court today. This was initially a demolition case. Some marginal progress on the outside was made but no permits were obtained as determined by the court. It was determined there is a need for a structural engineer's report as to the condition of this structure and the load bearing walls, roof and floors. This report must be submitted by January 23, 2017. Our Building Inspector has not been inside lately and is concerned about the condition of the structure. An inspection will be made by our Building Inspector. If it is not solved we may ask the court for demolition.

We have talked about permits that have expired. Lattie said he is meeting with Tom Brooks to discuss how to proceed with civil infraction tickets.

We are pleased with the owner's progress at the 8070 Silver Lake Road home.

7340 Lahring Rd. – The ZBA has denied their request and a case has been filed in Judge Fullerton's court. They have 21 days to respond.

Old Business: Ferrelgas Lease: Tabled. Schmidt said he will have a discussion with Ferrelgas representative after the holiday.

Health Care: Public Act 152 of 2011. The intent of the law is to ask local governments to get health care costs in line with private sector insurance plans. Our goal is to provide our employees with excellent coverage at a reasonable cost. Due to renewal cost it has become evident that we must consider our renewal options. We will continue to consider our options. No action was taken at this meeting.

New Business: Board of Review Appointments.

Supervisor Saad recommends Dagmar Miller, be appointed to the Board of Review.

Motion Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to accept the recommendation of Supervisor Saad to appoint Dagmar Miller, to the Board of Review for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2017. Motion passed. Supervisor Saad said he will have recommendations for 2 additional members at our next meeting.

Building Fees for Non-Profit.

Schmidt spoke on the subject of foregoing building fees for service organizations and our local churches. It has been past practice to do so with reference to service organizations. Schmidt moved to allow service organizations and our local churches to forego the building fees. Inspections however, will still be required. Graves supported the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-14 Consumers Energy Lights:
No action was taken.

Resolution 2016-15 Community Development Block Grant Authorized Signature Cards. Motion, Graves, seconded by Hallman to accept Resolution 2016-15 and authorize the Supervisor and the Clerk to request reimbursements from CDBG program on behalf of Argentine Township.

Roll Call: Conner, yes, Hallman, yes, Schmidt, yes, Saad, yes and Graves, yes. Motion passed.

Public comment- Mark Ruhlig- The new store lighted sign is very bright and needs to be directed away from oncoming traffic.

Business from Board Members:

Schmidt spoke on the renewal of our Lobdell Lake boat launch lease agreement with Heathes Harbor for the 2017 boating season.

Schmidt moved to allow the Clerk to sign an extension of our existing agreement with Heathes Harbor for the 2017 boating season. Motion was seconded by Hallman. Motion passed.

Summer Tax Collection for Linden Schools:

Motion Schmidt, support Graves to authorize Treasurer Schmidt to negotiate the terms and sign the agreement with the Linden Schools to collect the district's summer school tax levy for 2017. Motion passed.

Summer Tax Collection for GISD:

Motion Schmidt, support, Graves to authorize Treasurer Schmidt to negotiate the terms and sign the agreement with the GISD to collect the district's summer school tax levy for 2017. Motion passed.

The bonus payment to Ms. Lefler for 2016 was shorted in error by \$500.00. It was supposed to be \$2600.00 and was dispersed at \$2100.00.

Motion Schmidt, second, Conner to pay the balance of \$500.00 toward 2016 bonus to Ms. Lefler. Motion carried.

Conner- Discussed updates to the website. Pages have been cleaned up and new pictures added. We intend to add more information online. Any suggestions are welcome.

Graves- None.

Hallman- Met with Katie, Geric & Jacob to review the future extension for the bike path.

They are adding a section on Lobdell Road from the Middle School road, south to Haviland Beach Drive.

Plans are moving forward and since the road is to the east side of the road right of way, no extra easements will be needed at this time.

I will be meeting with Jacob and Katie again to review the current path entering the school property from Silver lake Road. Discussion is to move the path to the east side of the drive. This will enable a better access to the elementary school. However, we might need an easement for this. This is still up for discussion.

TAP application is set for January. Katie said to hold off for the SRS request until May. We need to fill out the DNR grant in April.

I will also be meeting this week with the Schools to discuss future plans, such as where they plan on adding future equipment.

Saad- None.

Motion, Graves, second, Schmidt to enter closed session. Roll call vote: Saad, yes, Graves, yes, Conner, yes, Hallman, yes and Schmidt, yes. Motion passed. Entered closed session @ 7:40 p.m.

Motion, Graves, seconded by Hallman to return to regular session @ 8:40 p.m. Motion passed.

Supervisor Saad said no motions were made in closed session.

Adjournment at 8:40 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian J. Saad, Supervisor