

Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2017

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to approve the minutes of January 30, 2017, and the February 27, 2017 Minutes of the Election Commission. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Clerk Graves said there are no budget amendments.

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

Public comment: None.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. Chief Allen said the boosters for the radio transmission could cost between \$60. up to \$3,000 as was the cost to upgrade Fenton's system. We are waiting for information from Blumerich's to determine what is needed.

SRMS crossover to new system should roll out in August,

The Cost Recovery Corp. CRC information was included in board member packets. This requires an ordinance to be in place to implement. This would have no out of pocket costs to residents and would only apply to at fault /negligent party.

Graves asked about the Police Department joining the Next Door social media App.

Graves said she is a member and thinks it is a great way for neighbors to network and report crimes or offer recommendations.

Fire Department- An Annual Report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said he interviewed a retired police officer who also had been a fire-fighter years ago. Chief recommends that Terrance Balewski be hired as a fire-fighter.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Graves to accept Chief's recommendation to hire Terrance Balewski as a fire-fighter after successfully passing drug testing and physical, subject to a one-year probation period. Motion passed.

Building Department- Saad reported 12 permits were issued that total \$4,645.00.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission did not hold a meeting.

Assessor Report- Assessor Lori Cash submitted a written report. The Board of Review will hold meetings from March 13-15 by appointment. Our Assessor will hold an informative session with interested residents on March 11, 2017 @ 9:15 a.m. at the Fire Hall to explain how to understand their property record card and assessment. RSVP to attend @ 810-735-5050. Inaccurate information can be corrected at this time.

Attorney Report: No report. Attorney Lattie was not present.

Old Business: None.

New Business: 2017-4 Law Day Proclamation.

Supervisor Saad read a Law Day Proclamation and declared May 1, 2017 as Law Day in Argentine Township.

Resolution 2017-2 Precinct Boundaries.

Graves said she attended a meeting about consolidating our precincts along current school district boundaries to eliminate some school district splits. We will be able to reduce from 8 splits to 5. This will be a cost savings for ordering ballots and be much more efficient. My Deputy Jane and I have working on this process.

Mr. Schmidt moved adoption of Resolution 2017-2 to allow the Clerk to make permanent changes to the precinct boundaries along current school district boundaries. Seconded by Saad. Roll Call: Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Saad, Yes, Connner, Yes and Schmidt, yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2017-3 Township 457 Plan.

Motion, Graves, seconded by Saad to adopt Resolution 2017-3, the 457 plan effective 1-1-2017 and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor as administrators of the plan. Roll call: Hallman, yes, Saad, Yes, Connner, Yes, Schmidt, yes, and Graves, yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2017-4 Township Governmental NON-ERISA Retirement Pplan.

Moved by Graves, seconded by, Hallman to adopt Resolution 2017-4, Township Governmental NON-ERISA Retirement plan to designate the Supervisor and Clerk as authorized administrators of the plan. Roll call: Yes, Connner, Yes, Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes, and Graves, yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Zenon Fedirko spoke about his conflict with a proposed Vicious Dog Ordinance and told the Board Members his experience with his neighbors, the Gibsons.

Deborah Ortwine- Spoke about police complaint #1640. Ms. Ortwine said she has made calls to the police department and received no answer. She called about rapid gunfire. She would like an ordinance to regulate gun shooting in the township. She said in her opinion our ordinances need to be updated and fines increased.

Constance Cole- spoke about an incident where her vehicle was damaged in the car wash. She said she has tried to contact the owner of the business and has not received a return

call. She asked if there was anything the Board can do to make this business owner take responsibility.

Tracy Willett-Williams asked how she can get a refund on her road assessment. She is frustrated about waiting on the GCRC to schedule the project that has been on her assessment since 2013. She asked if there will be a price increase from the \$450 for 10 years original.

Marie Robinson about getting the bridge over the dam area repaired since it is showing the re-rod through.

Business from Board Members:

Conner- I am happy to see that we are considering cost recovery.

Hallman- LAFF will be at the Fenton Expo this Saturday.

Graves- I want to thank my Deputy Jane Lefler for the extra work on the precinct boundary changes. Also, Jane and I attended a day long meeting to learn about the new voting machines that we will have by November election time. We ranked our choices 1 to 3. This new equipment will be much more efficient to use.

Schmidt- Nothing.

Saad- The National Park Service Recreation Trail Coordinator has asked us for our support to designate the Shiawassee River Water Trail as a National Water trail. This is for the planned trail segment for the Shiawassee River from the upstream location in the Village of Holly to the downstream terminus in Chesaning, Michigan.

The following was moved by Saad and seconded by Graves to support the Friends of the Shiawassee River and the Shiawassee River Water Ttrail Coalition who are working together to apply for the National Water trail designation.

Discussion: Saad said this will help with obtaining grants.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor