

**Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2017**

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Conner to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Saad to approve the budget amendments as recommended by Clerk Graves. Motion passed.

Motion, Graves, seconded by Hallman, to approve payment of expenditures as presented in the board package. Motion passed.

Public comment: Terry Byrne asked if we can discuss an assessment to pay for the cost of Consumer's Energy bringing a gas line to Duffield Road. He said they have 67 signatures out of 94 that are needed so far.

Marie Robinson- when will our road be graded?

Glen Stefan- Asked about the McCaslin Lake Road Bridge not being completed when the road was replaced as promised by the GCRC. There is a safety concern with the guardrail.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen gave an oral report. The flagpole blew down in the windstorm and the solar light is broken. Royalty will make repairs when the weather warms up. The new flagpole should be placed in the ground.

Cost Recovery- I looked at ordinance 45A, this could be adopted with the cost recovery fee schedule. This would be for non- residents that are negligent. I would like to move forward with this.

Hallman asked for one more month to allow time for discussion with our attorney. Mr. Lattie asked the Chief for a sample agreement.

The Police Department has some Department of Justice grant money left and plans to purchase a vest for police to use that will stop rifle rounds. It is an active shooter kit that would be kept in the police car. These cost about \$500. a piece. We have the funds left for this.

I am looking at applying for a 100 club grant. To buy a body bunker, it is like a hand held shield for ballistic protection.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said the department was very busy with the windstorm damage. In the first 6 hours they had 13 calls. Grass fires, trees down across the road and a structure fire. The weather was cold and the tanker pump actually froze up and had to be thawed over the night.

Our instructor was unable to provide us with our 2016 training credits. We never had a contract. We have signed an agreement with Genesys EMS Education and will receive a 20% discount on the cost. No one is in danger of losing their license.

Justin Shumaker has not met his requirements for employment.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to end Justin Shumaker's employment as a fire-fighter and authorize Chief Lafferty to release him from employment in Argentine Township. Motion passed.

Building Department- Saad reported that 6 permits were issued that total \$ 5,851.00.

The Planning Commission – Trustee Conner said the Planning Commission had a meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the Mill and clarified the terms submitted. They have a new site plan that allowed for corrective lighting. The site plan was tabled until the meeting on April 13, 2017.

Assessor Report- No report. Supervisor Saad said the Board of Review has completed their work.

Attorney Report: Attorney Lattie discussed 16207 Knobhill Dr property. It appears the owner may have vacated the property. Mr. Terry Groves had planned to purchase the property and make repairs. The forthwith provision in the last court agreement has not been complied with. I will follow up with the court and ask the judge to void the agreement if we are not satisfied.

In the easement issue on Haviland Beach Dr., the court has a process where we can dispute the appraised value on the easement. I filed a motion to contest the validity of their appraisal. This is not holding up the project. I want to thank Supervisor Saad for his effort to keep this project going forward.

We had a meeting with Tom Brooks about his authority to issue tickets. Our Building Inspector and Tom Brooks are discussing expired permits.

I filed a lawsuit on the 7340 Lahring Rd. property. We are in the process of the court approving our proposed judgment; hopefully we will have it in about 10 days.

Old Business: Dog Ordinance 35-G.

This is an ordinance to regulate dogs, cats and wild animals in Argentine Township and designate violations as a municipal civil infraction.

Supervisor Saad asked Mr.Lattie about his opinion. Mr. Lattie said he thinks we need to repeal the current ordinance and replace it with this proposed ordinance so the language is clear. It will simplify the process. This is already in state law. This proposed ordinance takes out the criminal element and makes it a civil infraction.

Saad tabled this proposed ordinance.

New Business: We have a MABAS Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.

This addendum is to give more structure to our Mutual Aid System.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Conner to authorize Supervisor Saad to sign this MABAS agreement addendum. Motion passed.

Resolution 2017-5 Authorizing the sale of 9249 Pine Walk Pass property:

This is a resolution authorizing the sale of 9249 Pine Walk Pass property and authorize Treasurer Schmidt or Clerk Graves to execute documents and represent Argentine Township regarding the sale of said property.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to approve Resolution 2017-5. Roll Call: Graves, yes, Conner, Yes, Hallman, yes and Saad, yes. Schmidt was absent. Motion passed 4-0.

Chloride Contract:

The Road Commission is putting the 2017 Dust Control Program together. If we wish to participate we must select an option and sign the agreement. The cost of 38% Calcium Chloride is available at a cost of \$1.604/ gallon at an application rate of 2000 gal/mile. We are allowed the 1<sup>st</sup> application at a cost of 50%. If we choose to have a 2nd application, we will have to pay 100% of the cost. The 3<sup>rd</sup> application is at no cost to us. The agreement must be signed and returned by April 18 2017.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Chloride Application Agreement Form and get 3 applications of 38% Calcium Chloride at a spread rate of 2,000 gallons per mile application and add Gaines Park driveway. Motion passed.

Lawn Maintenance Proposal- Royalty.

We have a proposal to have the lawn cut at a rate of \$35.00 per weekly cut from our current provider, Royalty Services.

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Graves to sign the Lawn Maintenance Proposal with Royalty Services. Motion passed.

Graves noted that the weed control is handled separately and the cost is \$105.00 annually for 3 applications.

Public Comment: Business from Board Members:

Conner- I am setting up a Facebook page for the Township to help the residents connect better with the Township.

Hallman- The Safe Routes to Schools Bike Path will be 2 miles long. We are getting grants and moving forward. The plan is to have this completed in the year 2020. Grant money can not be used toward engineering fees. I will talk to attorney Lattie and I will be meeting with Mr. Maurice Ryan soon to discuss obtaining the final easement. I plan to work with Superintendent Ed Koledo about a possible fundraiser at the High School and will ask about having Honor Students help as part of their Community Service.

Graves- The precinct boundaries were changed to be along school boundary lines. We have new maps and all those impacted were notified by mail and sent a new voter ID card.

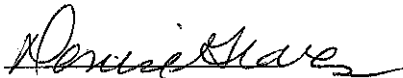
Saad- I will ask our Planning Commission to look at our fee schedule and determine if any changes should be made.

Due to the price increase from the GCRC, it may be necessary to hold a new Special Assessment Hearings for Whitehead Dr. and Haviland Beach Drive. If the cost is over 10% increase, this will be necessary. The Board agreed to schedule the hearings on May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m if this becomes necessary. Saad said we do not have a final cost for Whitehead Dr. yet.

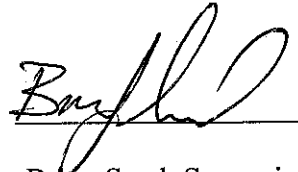
We need to advertise for bid specs for Mr. Baumchen's sewer lines.

Motion, Hallman, support, Graves to advertise for bids for the tap in and 10 feet of lead and for from the end of the pipe to Mr. Baumchen's house. Motion passed.

Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.



Denise Graves, Clerk



Brian Saad, Supervisor