

Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting April 24, 2017

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Conner, present, Hallman, present, Saad, present, Schmidt, present. Absent: none.

Motion by Hallman, seconded by, Conner to adopt the Minutes of March 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the following budget amendment, debit account # 101-301-959.001 in the amount of \$1,118.00 and credit account # 101-301-702.005 in the amount of \$1,118.00 as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.

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

Public comment: Gail Willoughby- Is opposed to the proposed ordinance and brought signatures of others who agree with her. She is opposed to the language that limits the number of animals a resident can own. She said she is opposed to the part that says a police officer can put an animal down forthwith if it is off the property, especially if not violent.

Karen Swan- She said she is concerned a non-violent animal will be hurt. Also wants no limit on the number of animals one can own.

Valarie Sylvester- I support Gail Willoughby's effort to learn more about this proposed ordinance.

Chief Allen said, as clarification that it would only be acceptable to put an animal down if it was vicious and is attacking. The police officer's intent is not to harm an animal.

Tom Albon- Asked about repairs needed on Lobdell Road.

Reports:

Police Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Allen said the active shooter kits have been received and are in each police vehicle. These will stop a .50 caliber bullet.

Chief Allen spoke about the need to protect your property by locking vehicles, lighting your entrances to your home, keeping landscaping trimmed back away from windows, use lighting timers and do not leave ladders laying around for a person to use to break in. The Police Department has a vacation check program and residents are urged to contact the police department when they will be gone away for a period of time.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said they are ordering Epi Pens and the cost is \$290 for a 2-pack, per truck.

MABAS Agreement has been approved and submitted.
The annual pump test has been completed and all units passed.
The computers should be on 24/7. We are getting quotes to purchase battery savers.
The I Am Responding program is going great. A resident, Mr. Carl Sharkey has built and installed and donated a miniature computer for the program to be used in the hall.

Building Department: Saad said there were 8 building and zoning permits issued that total \$5,106.44.

Planning Commission: Trustee Conner- The Planning Commission met on April 13th.
The representative for the Mill did not have paperwork with him, so the item was tabled.
There was an issue with the bright lights at the party store.
Supervisor Saad has asked the Planning Commission to get comparables for a recommendation on the fee schedule.
Assessor report: A written report was submitted.

Attorney: Attorney David Lattie gave an oral report.
Lattie said he was in court today on the Haviland Beach easement issue to make sure the Williston's appraisal meets requirements of the State Of Michigan law. They will have to recalculate their appraisal. The legal description of the property does not show the extensions to their land. The judge wants both appraisers to consider the extra 10 feet expansion. The judge reopened discovery. Mr. Lattie said he believes the judge will side with us. A jury should be sympathetic to our efforts. This should be in the fall season when it is settled.

7340 Lahring Rd- The owner was keeping commercial property at his residence.
The ZBA declined his request. He did not respond and there was a default judgment.
Judge Fullerton said we have the authority to have the equipment removed and stored.
16207 Knobhill- We recently received correspondence from Mr. Groves. The last court order said they had to apply for a building permit. Immediate improvements are necessary. We agreed to an April 22nd date. We have received 2 letters asking for more time. What does the Board want to do?
The Board has been patient for a long time and wants the timeline agreed upon upheld by the court.

Lattie said he will make a matrix on the dog ordinance. He gave an example of a recent case under the current ordinance. He said no one has gone to jail for a dog off it's leash. The owner is fiscally responsible for any injury their dog causes to any human or other animal. Our intent of the proposed ordinance to de-criminalize the ordinance and make violations a civil infraction. This has nothing to do with the Right to Farm Act. I will look at this and see if we can reword some language.

Old Business: Dog Ordinance # 74

Item is tabled.

Baumchen Sewer Lead-:

The bids are not due yet so we will table this until the May Board Meeting.

Fee Schedule;

Supervisor Saad has asked the Planning Commission to review our fee schedule.

New Business: None

Business from Board Members:

Hallman- None.

Schmidt- We have a property we have tried to sell for a number of years at 15213 Roach Dr. We had an offer today from the adjacent property owner to purchase.

Schmidt moved to sell the lot #01-27-501-053 at address 15213 Roach Dr. to adjoining property owner Deborah Ortwine for the amount of \$500.00. Saad supported this. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Conner- None

Graves-

The office will be open on Saturday April 29th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for absentee voting. The special General Election is Tuesday, May 2nd.

The new election equipment has been ordered.

We received a letter from Genesee County Metro Planning Commission regarding the Block Grant Cooperative Agreement. We need to extend our community's existing CDBG Cooperative Agreement or opt out of the agreement. This is done once every 3 years.

I recommend we extend this agreement. This will give us Entitlement status under the continuation Clause of the original Agreement executed in 1994.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Saad to send a letter signed by the Clerk to advise Genesee County Metro Planning Commission of our desire to extend our existing CDBG Cooperative Agreement. Motion passed.

Resolution 2017-6 to apply for a grant to purchase new voting system and equipment.

Township Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system,

Partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State appropriated funds.

Motion made by Graves, seconded by Saad to authorize the Clerk to submit this grant application on behalf of Argentine Township, Roll call: Graves, yes, Saad, yes, Schmidt, yes. Conner, yes and Hallman, yes. Motion passed.

Saad- None.

Public comment: Gail Willoughby- Asked for a show of hands for those who came to the meeting to oppose the ordinance. She made notes of her concerns and gave them to Saad.

Karen Swan- spoke against the limit of animals one can keep. .

Jason Lacelle- White Oaks Dr. - Asked what next step would be. Lattie said this is a private drive. The Township is simply a financing mechanism. Homeowners should obtain bids and get specs. We can schedule a public hearing for them.

Glen Stefan- Asked about how a person provoking a dog would fit into the ordinance.

Patty Byrtus- asked for clarification of the ordinance.

Adjournment@ 8:15 p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor