

Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting May 22, 2017

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ruth Steiner.

Motion, Schmidt, second, Graves to adopt the minutes of April 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of May 04, 2017 Whitehead Dr. Public Hearing as printed.

Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

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

Motion, Schmidt, second, Conner to approve payment of bills as printed. Motion passed.

Public comment: Deborah Ortwine 15213 Roach Dr. –“Why do we have ordinances?’ Why if ordinances have fees and new civil infraction don’t you collect fees?”

Reports: Police Department: A written report was submitted.

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Chief Allen gave an oral report. The department will be becoming part of a program known as “Hope not Handcuffs.”

There has been a dramatic increase in heroin and opiate use in our county and across the nation. Overdose deaths associated with prescription and illicit opioids increased to 33,091. The spike in these deaths began to increase since 2015, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). That number marks an increase of almost 5,000 deaths from the previous year. Fentanyl-related deaths are up 378% during the same period. Overdose deaths involving prescription opioids have quadrupled since 1999.

Heroin and opiate addiction drives a significant number of crimes we see (home, vehicle commercial and residential burglaries; thefts, shoplifting; robbery etc.) We have seen crimes of violence related to the drug trade. Law enforcement’s traditional and predominant approach focuses on the enforcement piece with little regard for demand reduction.

The Hope not Handcuffs initiative will be pursued in concert with EMS, and our community partners. Its core philosophy is a three-prong approach to combating illegal drugs- Enforcement, Education, and Treatment. Addiction is a disease which can benefit

from medical intervention and treatment. Officers responding to any call for service or performing any police action will be cognizant for the potential that the involved parties may be suffering from addiction. Officers interacting with persons suffering from addiction will be compassionate and understanding at all times. Often people suffering from addiction ask for help only as a last resort and may be considering self-harm or suicide. Our interaction with them can help make a difference. In all instances officers will continue to take enforcement action within their discretion and normal scope of their duties to address criminal activity. At the same time, officers will recognize the fact that such criminal activity may result from a medical condition (addiction). Officers will make use of community volunteers "Angels", who individuals who have been trained about and understand addiction and the Hope not Handcuffs methodology we use to assist people in getting help with addiction and to provide support to people suffering from addiction and explore placement and treatment options.

Any person who enters the police station and requests help with their addiction will immediately be screened by a law enforcement officer for potential participation. No question of the person will be undertaken in an effort to collect drug intelligence, determine the origins of the drugs relinquished by the person, or any other effort which may undermine the intended purpose of the program, namely to encourage persons to seek police assistance in getting help for their addiction without fear of arrest or police action. Once the screening has determined that the subject is eligible to participate the officer will contact the Hope not Handcuffs Angel coordinator by phone for an Angel be assigned and respond to the police department. Normal response time is less than 30 minutes based on the volunteers being assigned specific areas within the county. Training for officers will be on Wednesday May 31, 2017. There will be no cost for publications or supplies to our department.

Chief Allen has obtained a quote for a 2017 police package Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$37,000.00.

Schmidt said he also had obtained a quote for a 2017 Ford Utility Interceptor for the amount of \$29,290 plus the cost of approximately \$8,000. to equip. Schmidt said it is his recommendation that we purchase the Ford.

Conner said the Tahoe is his preference because they hold up well.

Schmidt moved we accept the quote for bid # 12-07 MY2017 at a cost of \$29,290 plus the cost to outfit the vehicle. Hallman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2 with Conner and Saad voting no.

Fire Department:

I am also asking the board to approve the contract for our generator. \$597. 00 is the cost for renewal.

Motion, Schmidt, second Saad to approve the contract with Atherton Road Sales & Service inc. for service of our Kohler generator. Motion passed.

Chief Lafferty asked for a newly appointed position of Fire Marshall. Graves said this has not been discussed with her and would like time to have her questions answered. Graves requested this matter be tabled to allow more thought.

Schmidt moved that we table the matter, Hallman seconded. Motion passed.

Building Department: Supervisor Saad reported that 11 permits were issued that total \$4,538.80.

Planning Commission:

Conner said on May 11 the Planning Commission tentatively approved the preliminary site plan subject to conditions.

Also the fee schedule was discussed to determine why we are charging for things that do not require a plan. A spreadsheet will be made to compare costs with neighboring municipalities. We are not that far off.

Assessor Report-No report.

Attorney- Attorney Lattie gave an oral report. Lattie asked the Board to table the sewer ordinance later on the agenda until he can look it over.

Lattie and Treasurer Schmidt were in court about the Haviland Beach paving project drainage. We were able to mitigate this and will continue to negotiate the value.

16207 Knobhill Dr. - We have a June 12th trial date to have the judge hear our position.

Anyone who wants to testify can do so. We will let the judge review progress and ask for demolition of the building.

I sent a revised dog ordinance that addresses all concerns for you to consider if you want to pass it later.

Old Business: Baumchen Sewer Lead-

Schmidt said we received a bid from Wagner the Dirt digger. The price of \$18,400 includes \$7,000. That would be the responsibility of Mr. Baumchen. Mr. Wagner can deal with Mr. Baumchen on this part. I recommend that we approve Mr. Wagner's bid for tap in for the amount of \$11,490.00 to be paid from District 3 sewer fund.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to accept the bid from Mr. Wagner in the amount of \$11,400.00 for a sewer lead. Motion passed.

New Business:

Quote for Assessor New Computer:

We received a quote from in the amount of \$599.00 from Office Depot for a Dell Optiplex 3040. Conner recommended we accept the bid for \$599.00.

Moved by Conner, seconded, Schmidt to purchase a Dell Optiplex 3040 computer from Office Depot in the amount of \$599.00. Motion passed.

Set Date for 2017/2018 Budget Workshop:

Moved by Saad, seconded by Conner to hold a Budget Workshop on June 1, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Set Budget Hearing Date:

Motion, Graves second, Saad to set the Budget Hearing date on June 26, 2017 during the Annual Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Set Annual Meeting Date:

Motion, Saad, seconded by, Graves to set the Annual Meeting date to be held on June 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Township Liability Insurance:

Saad said we had a significant reduction in the price from last year. Schmidt said this was due to both Chief's leadership and also the office staff who pay attention to issues that affects us. A big thank you to all of them.

The insurance proposal is equal to our current policy. Motion, Saad, seconded by Schmidt to contract with the Ted Hartleb Agency for General Liability Insurance. Motion passed.

Approval of 2017/2018 Meeting Schedule

Saad said everyone has a copy of the proposed meeting date schedule in your packets. Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to adopt the meeting schedule as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution 2017-8 Supervisor Salary

Saad said we need to establish elected official's salaries for the next fiscal year. Motion, Graves seconded by, Schmidt to adopt Resolution 2017- 8 Supervisor Salary.

Roll call: Saad, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Conner, yes. Motion passed. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2017-9 Clerk Salary:

Motion, Saad, second, Hallman to adopt Resolution 2017-9 Clerk Salary- Roll call: Saad, yes, Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Conner, yes. Motion passed. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2017-10 Treasurer Salary:

Motion, Saad, second, Hallman to adopt Resolution 2017-10 Treasurer Salary. Roll call: Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Conner, yes, Schmidt, yes, Saad, yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2017-11 Trustee Salary:

Motion, Saad, second, Hallman to adopt Resolution 2017-11 Trustee Salary. Roll call: Conner, yes, Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Saad, yes, Schmidt, yes. Motion passed. Resolution adopted.

Genesee County Sewer Use Ordinance:

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Schmidt to table this matter. Motion passed.

Public comment: Deborah Ortwine- Will there be a reduction in permit fees?

Tracy Willett-Williams- I am disappointed that it took 4 years to get our road done. We were told we would not be charged for potholes, but we were charged. The easement was the township's responsibility and it pitted one neighbor against another and cost a lot more.

I am glad the board listened to the people last month.

Business from Board Members:

Schmidt- My recommendation is to give Chief Lafferty a bonus of \$2,500.00 out of this year's budget for the good job he is doing. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hallman, to give Chief Lafferty \$2,500.00 bonus in the fiscal year 2016/2017. Motion passed.

Hallman- I received a letter from Alex Patsy asking what our emergency plan is for the dam. They need to bring a diver in to inspect the doors.

Why was Fenton Express Towing flatbeds on our parking for the last 2 weekends?

I will be bringing the paperwork to both Chiefs as soon as I get it.

Conner- Nothing.

Graves- We are getting close to the end of our fiscal year. I ask the board to authorize me to make necessary amendments to balance all line items in the budget.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Schmidt to authorize the Clerk to amend the budgets to ensure all line items will not be over budget at the end of the fiscal year. Motion passed.

We pay election workers \$11.00 and work them a 16 hour day for each election. They come in and do a lot of pre work to set up for elections. I recommend that we should raise their pay by \$1.00 per hour to \$12.00. Graves moved authorizing an increase in pay to \$12.00 per hour for election staff. Seconded by Saad. Motion passed.

Saad- Nothing.

Adjournment @ 8:15p.m.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Brian Saad, Supervisor