

## **Minutes of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting July 31, 2017**

Call to order @ 7: 00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Saad said that we have had several tragic deaths in our community the past few weeks. A moment of silence was observed for the families of the deceased and for the family of Larry Morton.

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

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Hallman to approve the minutes of June 26, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Motion, Hallman, seconded by Conner to approve the minutes of July 13, 2017 Special Board Meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

There are no budget amendments.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by, Graves to approve payment of bills as presented. Motion passed.

Public comment: Deborah Ortwine- Thanked the board for lowering some building permit fees.

Police Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Allen said the department will be participating in the National Night Out on August 1, 2017 at Hyatt Elementary School. The event runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Fire Department will be participating also. There will be a smokehouse and other activities.

The department is investigating 2 deaths as a result of an apparent Heroin overdose. FANG efforts allowed us to identify a person of interest with phone records. The suspected dealer in the confirmed case has been arrested and is in custody. These deaths are considered a homicide, perpetrated by dealers of these drugs. We will seek prosecution for the death of the man as a result of an overdose.

I am recommending that we consider a Sergeant position in our Police Department. Board members have details in their packet.

Motion, Schmidt, seconded by Saad to accept Chief Allen's recommendation to reinstate the Sergeant position and provide testing for the position. Motion passed.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty said they had 285 calls so far, and are up by 33 over last year at this time. The department responded to a structure fire on Seymour Rd. North of Smith Rd. There were 3 vehicles in the driveway

and the garage was partially collapsed. There was a concern that someone may be in the home. After a check, it was determined no one was in the home. Multiple jurisdictions responded to the fire. Deerfield covered our Fire Hall in the event there would be another call. It was difficult to determine a cause. Michigan State fire investigator thought the fire most likely started in the garage but has not determined the cause.

We had a discussion of safe driving habits in both department and personal vehicles. There was a situation where a firefighter got a ticket in Ohio and our insurance planned to remove him for being covered to drive our vehicle. After some conversation with our agent, the insurance company agreed to place this firefighter on a watch list instead. We also discussed Kayakers and people canoeing on the river. 5 members completed a basic water and river rescue training course.

911 will be transitioning to 800 paging system soon. The 911 Executive Board approved the purchase of pagers and accessories for the new paging system.

I reviewed the permit for fireworks on Lobdell Lake. They are going to be all set. The Fire Department will work with police on the lake to ensure safety.

Building Department: Saad said we have 15 permits that total \$9,831.60.

Planning Commission: Conner- We did not have a meeting in July. The next meeting is August 10, 2017.

Assessor Report: Supervisor Saad read the written report.

Attorney: Attorney Lattie asked the board to consider hearing his report in a closed session so he could report on ongoing litigation.

Hallman moved that the board enter closed session to discuss an attorney opinion and ongoing litigation. Saad seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Entered closed session @7:25 p.m.

Moved by Graves, seconded by Hallman to return to regular session. Motion passed.

Reconvened regular session @7:45 p.m. No decisions were made in closed session.

Old Business: Building Inspector Position.

No recommendation to discuss yet.

New Business:

Purchase Agreement with Ferrellgas.

Schmidt said Ferrellgas has accepted our offer to purchase their building subject to a review of an acceptable environmental study. Fleis and Vandebriink have given us a price for the study. Moved by Schmidt, to authorize the Clerk to sign purchase agreement with Ferrellgas to purchase their building pending the acceptable outcome of the Phase I environmental study. The motion was seconded by Conner .Motion passed.

Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to appoint Kim Brost to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending 7-25-2020. Motion passed.

Appointment to the Planning Commission:

Moved by Saad seconded by Hallman to appoint Heather MacIntosh to the Planning Commission for a term ending 7-25-2019. Motion passed.

Appointment to the Planning Commission:

Moved by Hallman, seconded by Schmidt to appoint Greg Smith to the Planning Commission for a term ending 7-25-2020. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Mike Fenton- 16461 Whitehead Dr. – The reconstruction of Whitehead Dr. plans seems to have changed. What kind of rebate can we expect from the contractor? What recourse do we have? They are building a new road on top of a crumbling old road. Mr. Lattie answered that the road belongs to the Genesee County Road Commission. Argentine Township is the financing mechanism. We can cajole and try to get them to do what we expected, but we do not have the legal ability to challenge the Road commission's authority over the road construction. We have no legal standing to compel the GCRC to provide a level of service.

The Board authorized a \$1.00 per hour pay increase for Tim Burchette for the fiscal year 2017-2018 at the June 2017 Board Meeting.

Business from Board Members:

Graves- The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for absentee voting.

Schmidt: The public using our parking lot has become a safety issue as firefighters responding to an alarm may not have a place to park. This is getting out of control. We need to purchase a no parking sign to place on the lot for un-authorized vehicles.

Violators would have their vehicle towed. It is my recommendation that we place no parking signs on our lot. The Board agreed that this has become necessary.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Hallman to declare the Argentine Township Parking lot off limits to un-authorized parking. Motion passed.

We have 3 quotes to crack seal the parking lot. The range is from \$3,000. to \$7,904. I am recommending that we accept the \$7,904 quote from Asphalt Management Inc. because this company process is utilizing Infrared Equipment. They will restore the lot to the original condition. The budget allows the money for this project.

Motion, Saad, seconded by Hallman to accept the Treasurer's recommendation to accept the quote from Asphalt Management to do the heat rebirth of the parking lot. Motion passed.

We need to authorize our staff to purchase a Dell Optiplex 3040 computer for the Clerk's office. The computer will cost \$589.99.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Schmidt to purchase a Dell Optiplex 3040 computer in the amount. Motion passed.

Schmidt asked about a letter from the GCRC asking for money to repair the dam.

Schmidt asked Mr. Lattie to handle this and write a letter response to the GCRC.

Hallman: The grant application for the LAFF pathway is due by August 10<sup>th</sup>. I am getting a hold of Jacob to get final numbers.

Conner: None

Saad: None.

Adjournment @ 8:25 p.m.

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Denise M. Graves, Clerk

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Brian Saad, Supervisor