

## Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2018

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Saad led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 27 2018. Motion passed.

Correspondence is available to view.

Presentation of Bills:

Motion, Schmidt, second, Hallman to approve payment of bills as printed in the Board Member package. Motion passed.

Public comment: Jeremy Kurtz, 16070 Bird Rd. Asked about a resolution on the water issue at his home. He has had standing water after each spring thaw. Supervisor Saad said he will contact the Drain Commissioner's office to inquire. This is in the Skinner drain district.

Brian Williston, 7377 Haviland Beach Rd. – Said his beach was horrible. Mr. Williston asked if anyone knows what is being done.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Allen reviewed the report. On October 6<sup>th</sup> the department will participate in the Home Depot Police and Public Safety Days from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Home Depot parking lot.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the police department will be hosting a Bike Rodeo, promoting bicycle safety. Becky Nemecheck has obtained a grant which allowed us to purchase 302 bicycle safety helmets to donate at the event.

October 22-26<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Fulton and Chief Allen will be attending Hostage Crisis Negotiations training in Lansing.

9 larcenies from vehicles were reported in September. It is important to lock your vehicle and call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

Motion was made by Saad, and seconded by Graves to sell vehicle #19 when we receive the new vehicle. Trustee Conner abstained from the vote. Motion passed 4-0

Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Lafferty reported there were 340 runs so far this year. All trucks passed the pump test. Tornado sirens are up and are working. The company Unification is working with the county to resolve issues with the 800 MHz pagers. Chief Lafferty congratulated Firefighter Caputo for passing his paramedic licensing.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Graves to advertise for bids on the renovation of Building Department offices in the Fire hall. Motion passed.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Conner to accept the estimate in the amount of \$1,094.00. from Pro-Com/ Blumerich's to relocate the dispatch equipment in the Fire Department. Motion passed.

Chief Lafferty congratulated Jeremy Dennis for passing his Emergency Medical Responder National Registry Exam,

Board Members are invited to our annual open house on October 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 p.m. The open house committee was thanked for their work to make this successful. Kati Whalen, B.J. Ellsworth, Todd MacDonnell, and Terry Balewski serve on the committee.

Building Department- A written report was submitted. Supervisor Saad reported 15 building and zoning permits were issued in the amount of \$9,085.69.

The Planning Commission – Conner said The Planning Commission will meet on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Report: David Lattie- Mr. Lattie reported on Argentine vs. Williston. The Williston's attorney has asked to withdraw from the case. We will move to ask the court to dismiss the case based on the actual value of the easement has already been paid. We will proceed on October 15<sup>th</sup> with the case with or without the Willistons having counsel.

16267 Seymour Rd. case- we need to pass a resolution this evening.

16215 Knobhill Dr. blight case- The Judge took testimony and found the owner in violation of 4 ordinances, property maintenance and zoning. The owner was ordered to comply by October 31<sup>st</sup>. or face a \$2,000. fine. The Township is authorized to hire a contractor to bring the property into compliance and place the cost on the tax roll if not completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Lattie will work on an ordinance amendment and will bring it to the board in the next 2 months.

Larry Adamaitis- His attorney has filed an answer. This is at 11181 Duffield Rd. Mr. Adamaitis is living in a hay barn.

Old Business: Adopt Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Review of Assessment Roll for Pineview Estates Special Assessment District:

Moved by Graves., seconded by Conner to set the public hearing date for Pineview Estates special assessment district on October 29, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Schmidt, yes, Conner, yes, Hallman, yes and Graves, yes. Supervisor Saad abstained from the vote. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business: Advertise for Sale of Township Property.

Schmidt said that we will have to table this because we have the deeds from the county, but the Herrington Road property has to be vacated before we can advertise it for sale. Schmidt asked Mr. Lattie to get prepare a letter and deliver it.

Resolution #2018-16 Deficit Elimination Plan for Haviland Beach Drive.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad to adopt Resolution #2018-16 Deficit Elimination Plan for Haviland Beach Dr. Roll Call: Hallman, yes, Conner, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes and Saad, yes. Motion passed.

Resolution #2018-17 Deficit Elimination Plan for Whitehead Drive.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Saad. to adopt Resolution #2018-17 Deficit Elimination Plan for Whitehead Dr. Roll Call: Graves, yes, Conner, yes, Hallman, yes, Saad, yes, Conner, yes, and Schmidt, yes. Motion passed.

Public comment: None.

Business from Board Members:

Hallman – thank you to the Police and Fire Departments for the extra effort at the fireworks on Lobdell Lake.

Conner- None.

Graves- Absentee ballots will be available this week. Military and overseas voters were mailed an electronic ballot.

Schmidt- We received an offer to purchase the tax ID # 01-29-527-026 property in the amount of \$60,000. at 15055 Locust Grove. I recommend that we accept this offer. Schmidt said the owner has worked very hard to rectify his error and is desperate to stay in his home. We have negotiated a price of \$60,000. The Township will recover our cost and previous taxes, plus an administrative fee. The remainder of the purchase price will go to the county.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Graves to accept this offer from Mr. Shelton and sell the property for \$60,000.

Motion passed.

Saad- We need to pass a Resolution to appoint our code enforcement officer as our authorized local official for the sewer use ordinance.

Moved by Saad, seconded by Saad, to adopt Resolution #2018-18. Roll Call: Graves, yes, Schmidt, yes, Saad, yes, Hallman, yes and Conner, yes. Motion passed.

I would like to move the Clerk's files and ballots storage to the former Assessor's office space. Graves said this will require a lock on the door and only the clerk and deputy would have keys. This will free up space in the clerk's office.

We need to begin succession planning for our office personnel.

I have some information on solar energy about zoning and planning. We are being asked to consider solar energy. I will ask the Planning Commission to begin discussing this topic.

Saad reminded us that we need a better phone system in the office.

We received thank you correspondence from the Hagerman Foundation about the pathway.

Finally, Beth Carr has requested that the Historical Commission be allowed to use the closet the Board Room at the Township Hall for their storage. Board Members agreed to let them use the space.

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

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Denise Graves, Clerk

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Brian Saad, Supervisor

