

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, August 8, 2017 6:30 PM
approved

Supervisor Ruzick called the Township Board meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Daniel J Ruzick-Supervisor, Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer, Heather Mitchell-Clerk, Bruce Cutting – Trustee, Ron Derhammer - Trustee.

Also Present: Three guests

Motion by Osborne, second by Derhammer to approve agenda as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approved the July 25, 2017 Township Board Special Meeting Minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carries

Public Comment: None

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

A. Zoning Map Amendment. John Bosker & Sheryl Arno, Light Industrial (LI) to Agricultural and Open Space Residential (AG), 26383 60th Avenue (parcels 80-02-022-004-25 and 80-02-022-003-04).

Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning based on congruence with future land use maps. County Planning Commission did not recommend approval; however, their decision was based on concerns over land division. The rezoning process isn't concerned about the land divisions at this time, the property owners will have to go through a separate process for that.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to accept recommendation from the Planning Commission and approve the rezoning of parcels 80-02-022-004-25 and 80-02-022-004-30 from IND to AG.

New Business:

A. Palisades Letter of Support

Zach Morris, Kinexus, sent over a letter of support draft asking the Township Board to support a letter on behalf of Kinexus and Southwest Michigan Planning Commission's application for Economic Development Administration – Economic Adjustment Grant. It is in response to the Palisades Plant Closure which is \$237M of taxable value of which \$10M goes to the county and 600 high paying jobs. The grant will fund three things: Economic Study of Region and specifically the County, Development of Plan based from results of study, and Implementation of Plan.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to authorize Clerk Mitchell to sign letter of support on behalf of Antwerp Township.

Roll Call Vote: Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

- Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center 2nd Quarter Report

Announcements:

- September Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm

Reports:

Van Buren County Commissioner Paul Schincariol

- Update on current County happenings

Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Mark Hamre

Deputy Hamre reviewed current blight in Antwerp Township and calls dispatched for July.

Treasurer Bonnie Osborne

\$195,256.64 in general fund checking.

Building Activity Heather Mitchell

30 permits for July including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$6,613.00.

Sunshine Branch Library Bonnie Osborne

385 kids signed up for the Summer reading program. Throughout 35 events, Sunshine Library served 1,013 patrons. Interviews will begin soon for a director.

Lawton Fire Department Bruce Cutting

Paid bills. In process of working to obtain a grant for the generator that will service the Fire Department, Village Hall, Police Department, and Library.

Mattawan Fire Department Bonnie Osborne

New roof has been installed. Refurbishing a grass rig.

Mattawan Quick Response Bonnie Osborne

Paid bills.

Cemeteries Heather Mitchell

No burials in July.

Planning Commission Ron Derhammer

Parks Open House. Begin compiling list of different areas within ordinance that need updating. Meeting minutes are available online at www.antwerptownship.com.

Zoning Board of Appeals Heather Mitchell

Approved an amendment to a variance originally approved in December 2015 for Ryan Rarick. Meeting minutes are available online at www.antwerptownship.com.

Public Comment: None

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response, Mattawan Fire Department, and Senior Services bills in the amount of \$107,041.39.

Motion by Cutting, second by Derhammer to accept bills for payment.

Roll Call Vote: Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk