

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY March 19, 2013 7:00 PM
APPROVED

Supervisor Ruzick called the Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also Present: Seven guests.

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve minutes from February 12, 2013 with correction to the spelling of antenna under Mattawan Fire Department Report. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

- A. Request by Richard Sylvester of Great Lakes Pondscales to permit a Special Land Use permit and to approve a site-plan to construct a pole barn with the CO, Commercial Overlay District for property located at 29891 Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw, MI, parcel #80-02-009-019-10. Planning Commission approves with condition, see minutes dated March 6, 2013.

Mr. Sylvester and Jason Cook were present to answer questions and had a revised sketch plan that met all requirements stipulated by the Planning Commission.

Trustee Derhammer pointed out that the plan provided was a sketch plan and not a site plan which grasps the basic concept but doesn't have to be completely accurate to scale. The property being in the Commercial Overlay has approval of an existing special use permit which required a site plan at the time and current restrictions still apply with along with additional steps approved by the Planning Commission regarding the new storage barn.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to approve Special Land Use Permit and sketch plan to construct a pole barn at 29891 Red Arrow Highway.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Pending Business: None

New Business:

A. **Van Buren District Library Board**

Arlen Winther faithfully served as Antwerp Township's representative on the Van Buren District Library Board and unfortunately tendered his resignation last month. Supervisor Ruzick recommends Trustee Cutting to fulfill the remainder of the term ending December 2014.

Motion by Osborne, second by Derhammer to accept Supervisor Ruzick's recommendation and appoint Trustee Cutting to fulfill the term of Arlen Winther ending December 2014.

All voted in favor, Cutting abstained. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Van Buren Conservation District Letter; Van Buren District Library 2012 Annual Report

Announcements: None.

Reports:

Ordinance Officer Mark Hamre

No report.

Road Commission Al Svilpe

Barry Antilla working on estimates of road projects. Looking into process for subcontractors on snow removal within subdivisions. Addressed concerns of residents on 23rd St about rehabilitating road. Encouraged them to attend Road Commission meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in Lawrence.

Attorney Harold Schuitmaker

No report.

Treasurer Bonnie Osborne

\$160,657.43 in general fund checking. 2012 taxes have been settled with Van Buren County Treasurer.

Building Activity Heather Mitchell

13 permits for February.

Sunshine Branch Library Bonnie Osborne

March 23, the library will be hosting a PJ party. April 16, an archeologist will be giving a special presentation on ancient discoveries.

Lawton Fire Department Bruce Cutting

Adopted budget for the year.

Mattawan Fire Department Bonnie Osborne

Committee looking at upgrade to one jeep that is 21 years old. The department suffered a devastating loss with the passing of Nate Fruin. The Board thanks him for his service to our community and our condolences to his family. A special thank you to Virg Hendrickson who plowed all roads within the cemetery on the day of the funeral at no charge.

Cemeteries Heather Mitchell

Zero burials in February.

Mattawan Quick Response Bonnie Osborne

Approved payment of bills, 26 members on roster.

Planning Commission Ron Derhammer

Recommended approval of special land use and sketch plan for Great Lakes Pondscape. Continued discussion on setback requirements along Red Arrow Highway. Minutes can be obtained online at www.antwertownship.com or at the Township office.

Zoning Board of Appeals Heather Mitchell

No meeting.

Public Comment: A key to the front door has been given to Shawn Seymour at LSL Planning and also to Gary Stock, chairman of the ZBA. Resident asked about investigation at the Activity Center after the unfortunate incident in February.

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Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response and Mattawan Fire Department bills in the amount of \$45,860.42.

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

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk