

MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY April 8, 2014 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, Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer, Bruce Cutting - Trustee;

Board Members Absent & Excused: Ron Derhammer-Trustee and Heather Mitchell-Clerk.

Also Present: 35 guests.

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve minutes from March 11, 2014 with one change in the Senior Millage Resolution from section 5 to section 6. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Public Comment:** Comments made on decision of Antwerp Township approving ballot language for senior service millage not going directly to Senior Services of Van Buren County.

**Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:** None.

**Pending Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**A. Van Buren County Board of Commissioners: County Wide Senior Services Proposed Millage**

On April 22, 2014 at 4:00 pm, the County Board of Commissioners will be considering a motion to create a county-wide senior services millage. The Antwerp Township Board of Trustees has constructed a letter to express our desire to see the millage stay at a township by township approval allowing the ability to disperse monies based on services and not just to one organization. The Township feels this is in the best interest of all taxpayers.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve the letter being sent to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners signed by all Antwerp Township Board Members.

All voted in favor, motion carries.

**B. Generator - Activity Center**

No action was taken on this item as no bids were received. Supervisor Ruzick will advertise again and reach out to contractors for requests for bids. Motion tabled.

**C. Great Lakes Door Maintenance Contract**

Great Lakes Automatic Door Inc wrote a letter to Antwerp Township indicating that the warranty on the automatic door operation equipment has expired, offering a planned maintenance contract. Great Lakes has been servicing the automatic doors and equipment in the past. The contract is active for one year at a cost of \$248 annually. It includes scheduled services,

labor charges will be waived for regular service calls (normally \$87) and emergency service calls will be given priority status.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve the annual maintenance contract with Great Lakes Automatic Door.

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

**Correspondence:** Annual Report from Van Buren District Libray.

**Announcements:**

**Reports:**

*Ordinance Officer* Mark Hamre

Monitoring blight on 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Deputy Hamre reviewed calls for Antwerp Township, nine for March. A full report of all calls is available at the Township Hall.

*County Commissioner* Beth Griffin

County Commissioners approved ballot language for 911 millage to be placed on 2014 ballot. Reviewed the referendum on the August ballot on personal property exemption, asking voters to support it. New computers have been purchased for departments within the courthouse. Reviewed upcoming security updates.

*Road Commission* Al Svilpe

Working on maintenance of roads. Bids for road projects will be out for review to Townships within the next month.

*Attorney* Harold Schuitmaker

No report.

*Treasurer* Bonnie Osborne

\$132,113.77 in general fund checking.

*Building Activity* Heather Mitchell

Seven (7) permits for March for building only.

*Sunshine Branch Library* Bonnie Osborne

A new employee was hired, Emily Duncan. Library is setting up an area within the library for young adult readers.

*Lawton Fire Department* Bruce Cutting

Short meeting; paid bills.

*Mattawan Fire Department* Bonnie Osborne

Mattawan Fire Board approved an expenditure for up to \$25,000 for a new communication tower to be located at the fire hall.

*Cemeteries* Heather Mitchell

Two burials in March.

*Mattawan Quick Response* Bonnie Osborne

Training for disaster tape system, handled 40 calls in March.

*Planning Commission* Ron Derhammer

Working on water shed programs and reviewing Parks and Rec Plan. Meeting minutes are available in the Township hall or online at [www.antwerptownship.com](http://www.antwerptownship.com).

*Zoning Board of Appeals* Heather Mitchell

No meeting in March.

**Public Comment:** None.

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response and Mattawan Fire Department bills in the amount of \$55,461.15.

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

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk