

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY August 12, 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, Heather Mitchell-Clerk, Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer, Bruce Cutting – Trustee, and Ron Derhammer-Trustee.

Also Present: 9 guests.

Candidate for Michigan 26th Senate District: Jim Walters

Jim Walters is running for senate in the 26th district. Mr. Walters gave a history of his work and roots in Michigan, along with accomplishments in the education and business fields. He will be on the November 4 General Election ballot.

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

Motion by Cutting, second by Derhammer to approve minutes from July 8, 2014. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations: None.

Pending Business: None.

New Business:

A. Paw Paw Quick Response Team 2014-15 Contract

Paw Paw Quick Response sent a contract to the Antwerp Township Board for approval for 2014-2015. The contract is to state services and conditions under which PPQR will furnish basic life support services to Antwerp Township within Paw Paw Fire District. Support contract is \$1500/annually. Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to authorize Supervisor Ruzick to sign the 2014-2015 contract with Paw Paw Quick Response and to send payment of \$1500. Roll Call Vote: Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes. Motion carries.

B. Meet & Greet for Seniors of Antwerp Township

Voters in Antwerp Township passed a millage for monies to fund senior programs and services within Antwerp Township. A kickoff meeting has been scheduled for residents of Antwerp Township who have interest to gather ideas for programs and services. The meeting will be Thursday, August 21 at 10:00 am in the Activity Center. There will be additional meetings scheduled at different times in efforts to reach a large segment of our population. As meetings progress, a Senior Advisory Board will be formed. This advisory board will make the recommendations to the Township Board as information is gathered and assessed.

Correspondence: KHH Report / Van Buren County Senior Services Year End Report / Van Buren County Annual Report.

Announcements:

- Parking lot will be paved Thursday (8/14), Friday (8/15), & Saturday (8/16).
- Specifications for bids on the remodeling of women's restroom in library and reroof of Activity Center are out and will be accepted through August 27 at 5:00 pm.
- September's meeting will begin at 6:30 pm for public hearings on special assessments.
- August 21 at 10:00 am will be kick off meeting for Antwerp Township Senior Services

Reports:

Ordinance Officer Mark Hamre

Deputy Hamre gave a summary of all calls for July, working on one blight issue on 32nd St which is almost fully resolved. A full report of all calls is available at the Township Hall.

Van Buren County Road Commission Al Svilpe

Report on progress of all township road projects. Owners of the utility pole along RAH which has been down for some time, near Meyer Wood Products, have been contacted. A template for Road Commission complaints has been created and is available online or at the township in efforts to streamline issues.

County Commissioner Beth Griffin

Replacement wording for the 9-1-1 millage proposal will be looked at and placed back on the November General ballot. Budget hearing for county will be August 26 @ 3:45 pm in the Administration Building. County credit score by S&P has been moved up from AA- to AA. County commissioners currently working with local legislators to find relief from a Michigan Supreme Court ruling which inhibits courts from recovering court costs on convictions. This would stop our local courts from recovering an estimated \$700,000/annually.

Attorney Harold Schuitmaker

No report.

Treasurer Bonnie Osborne

\$102,425.76 in general fund checking. Renewed contract with Paymentus for online credit card payments.

Building Activity Heather Mitchell

50 permits for July including Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing.

Sunshine Branch Library Bonnie Osborne

Story time will begin again on September 9 and will run through November 18; Toddler time will begin again on September 10 and will run through November 19. Instructional computer classes will also start up again, the first will be on September 18 for a beginning Microsoft Word Class.

Lawton Fire Department Bruce Cutting

Completed annual hose testing and pressure testing – all passed. Paid bills.

Mattawan Fire Department Bonnie Osborne

Taking bids for asphalt on parking lot. Participating in Great Lakes Burn Camp at Pretty Lake.

Cemeteries Heather Mitchell

Two (2) burials in July.

Mattawan Quick Response Bonnie Osborne

Donation from Bronson of CPR machines to Quick Response.

Planning Commission Heather Mitchell

PC confirmed and recommended zoning on three different parcels. Recommendations will move to the County Planning Commission for comments and will then be presented to the Township Board for adoption. Reviewed parking at Paw Paw Family Dentistry, once all requirements have been met, Dave Jirousek will give final approval. Meeting minutes are available in the Township hall or online at www.antwerptownship.com.

Zoning Board of Appeals Heather Mitchell

No meeting in July.

Public Comment: Comments were made on Senior Services Millage.

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response and Mattawan Fire Department bills in the amount of \$135,850.45.

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

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk