

MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY September 9, 2014 7:00 PM  
**approved**

Public Hearing opened at 6:32 pm.

Special assessments were reviewed for Lawton Fire, Mattawan Quick Response, Paw Paw Fire, and Mattawan Fire.

Public Hearing closed at 6:52 pm.

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: 17 guests.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne to add items **F. Brownstone Road Closure Resolution and G. Activity Center – Kennedy Family** under New Business to the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve minutes from August 12, 2014. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Special Presentation: Lions Club**

District Governor Marsha Brown, District 11-B2, was in attendance to present an award to Bonnie Osborne in recognition of her nine (9) years of service to the Lions Club.

**Public Comment:** Concern on street lights that are out at corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> St/Red Arrow Hwy and across the street in Ye Olde Woods subdivision. Concern over hanging doors in Activity Center.

**Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:**

- A. Request by Russell Sullins Jr. to change map from Rural Estate Residential (R-1) with a Commercial Overlay District to General Commercial (GC) for parcel 80-02-003-023-30. Zoning map correction for parcel 80-02-003-022-01 and confirmation for parcel 80-02-003-023-20 located on Red Arrow Hwy, Mattawan, MI 49071. This will be to consider officially confirming the General Commercial (GC) designation of the property due to map interpretations and past errors. Planning Commission along with VBC Planning Commission recommends approval.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to approve recommendations from the Planning Commission for zoning changes from R-1 with C-Ovly to GC for parcels 80-02-003-022-01 and 80-02-003-023-30, and confirming zoning of GC on parcel 80-02-003-023-20.

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

**Pending Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**A. Library Bathroom Remodel/Activity Center Reroof Bids**

Three (3) bids were received for projects advertised as specified from Nick Barnitz.

**Library Bathroom Remodel**

*Hall Builders: \$34,912*

*Powell Custom Homes: \$27,900\**

**Activity Center Reroof**

*Hall Builders: \$35,750\**

*Powell Custom Homes: \$41,125*

*Fillingham: \$44,500*

Motion by Mitchell, second by Cutting to accept bid from Powell Custom Homes of \$27,900 (including electric hand dryers) for the library bathroom remodel project.

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Derhammer to accept bid from Hall Builders of \$35,750 for the Activity Center reroof project.

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

**B. Mattawan Fire Special Assessment**

Public hearing was held at 6:50 pm on September 9, 2014. Special assessment district for Mattawan Fire covers sections 1-4, 9-16, 22-26 and 36 within Antwerp Township. Millage will remain at 1.4000 mills for 2014 for estimated revenue of \$279,365.77.

Motion by Osborne, second by Derhammer to spread a special assessment levy of 1.4000 mills for Mattawan Fire District.

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

**C. Lawton Fire Special Assessment**

Public hearing was held at 6:35 pm on September 9, 2014. Special assessment district for Lawton Fire covers sections 19-21, and 27-35 within Antwerp Township. Millage will remain at 1.4000 mills for 2014 for estimated revenue of \$112,347.09.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to spread a special assessment levy of 1.4000 mills for Lawton Fire District.

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

**D. Paw Paw Fire Special Assessment**

Public hearing was held at 6:40 pm on September 9, 2014. Special assessment district for Paw Paw Fire covers sections 5-8, 17, and 18 within Antwerp Township. Millage will remain at 1.4000 mills for 2014 for estimated revenue of \$53,088.64.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to spread a special assessment levy of 1.4000 mills for Paw Paw Fire District.

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

**E. Quick Response Special Assessment**

Public hearing was held at 6:32 pm on September 9, 2014. Special assessment district for Mattawan Quick Response covers sections 1-4, 9-16, 22-26, and 36 within Antwerp Township. Millage will remain at .1450 mills for 2014 for estimated revenue of \$28,922.04.

Motion by Cutting, second by Derhammer to spread a special assessment levy of .1450 mills for Mattawan Quick Response District.

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

**F. Brownstone Road Closure Resolution**

Clerk Mitchell was contacted by Heather Hayes, resident of Brownstone Subdivision, who is looking to have a block party on Saturday, October 4 from 3:00 pm to dusk. After contacting the VBCRC, Antwerp Township needs to offer a resolution supporting the temporary closure of Trumpet Ln from Palm St to Sonoma Way.

Motion by Cutting, second by Mitchell to adopt resolution supporting temporary closure of Trumpet Ln from Palm St to Sonoma Way on October 4 from 3:00 pm until dusk. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**G. Activity Center - Kennedy Family**

Clerk Mitchell was contacted by Denise Oliver, FitZone for Women-Mattawan, to use the Activity Center at no charge for a fundraising event for SMA in honor of the Kennedy family. Eric & Sarah Kennedy have two girls, Brooke & Brielle, both of whom have been diagnosed with SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy). The event would take place on Sunday, October 19 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm for a dance to donate fundraiser. All proceeds to be given to curesma.org.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to approve use of the Activity Center on Sunday, October 19 at no charge for a fundraising event for the Kennedy family. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Correspondence:** VBCBC report/Siegfried Crandall audit confirmation

**Announcements:**

- September 11 at 2:00 pm will be second "meet & greet" for senior services

**Reports:**

*Ordinance Officer* Mark Hamre

A full report of all calls is available at the Township Hall.

*Van Buren County Road Commission* Al Svilpe

Taking care of tree on 33<sup>rd</sup> St; CR 652 continues to be monitored as it's ongoing; explanation of responsibility for 22<sup>nd</sup> St/VanKal as it separates two (2) counties.

*Attorney* Harold Schuitmaker

No report.

*Treasurer* Bonnie Osborne

\$150,963.13 in general fund checking. Summer 2014 taxes are due on Monday, September 15.

*Building Activity* Heather Mitchell

31 permits for August including Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing.

*Sunshine Branch Library* Bonnie Osborne

Annual book sale will be held September 25-27. Craft day on Saturday September 13 from noon - 2 pm.

*Lawton Fire Department* Bruce Cutting

Meeting was extremely time efficient. Paid bills.

*Mattawan Fire Department* Bonnie Osborne

Taking bids for concrete on parking lot; holding a practice burn in October on 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

*Cemeteries* Heather Mitchell

Two (2) burials in August.

*Mattawan Quick Response* Bonnie Osborne

State will be conducting truck inspections, donated EPIpens have been received from Bronson.

*Planning Commission* Ron Derhammer

Making headway on watershed ordinance, changing original route for trails and rec plan in order to better connect with surrounding areas and have less of an impact on property owners in Antwerp Township. 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 August.

**Public Comment:** Questions on deposit for non-profit groups using Activity Center; question on possible trail closing in Van Buren County.

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response and Mattawan Fire Department bills in the amount of \$54,364.24.

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 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk