

MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Trustee Stock called the board meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer, Chantel Reyna-Clerk, Gary Stock- Trustee, Bruce Cutting-Trustee

Board Members Absent: Daniel J. Ruzick-Supervisor

Also Present: Three guests

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

**Public Comment:**

**Deputy Tarnier – Van Buren County Sheriff Department**

- Deputy Tarnier provided an update of calls for service in the Township in the month of December. There were 87 calls in Antwerp.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve previous minutes from December 14, 2021, Regular Township Board Meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:**

**A. Consideration of Special Land Use and Site Plan. Bosch Architecture on behalf of Independent Baker Properties, LLC. For veterinary clinic at 31690 Red Arrow Highway, Paw Paw, MI 49079 (Parcel 80-02-008-003-20).**

Planning Commission recommends approval of special land use and site plan as submitted with following conditions.

1. Applicant shall install protective fencing prior to site disturbance. The limits of disturbance should be tightly bound around the area of construction. Protective fencing must be installed to delineate preserved areas prior to site development.
2. Secure the following approvals prior to site development and building permitting.
  - a. Drain Commission
  - b. Road Commission
  - c. Health Department (well and septic)
  - d. Fire Department

Motion by Cutting, second by Reyna to approve special land use and site plan for Bosch Architecture on behalf of Independent Baker Properties, LLC with the recommendations from the Planning Commission listed above. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Pending Business:**

**1. Wage and Benefit Committee update**

No update.

Motion by Stock, second by Reyna to authorize Supervisor Ruzick to sign the proposal for engineering services for the trail. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes. Motion carries.

**New Business:**

**1. Brendon Graber – Woodsbrook Estates letter dated 12/23/2021**

Mr. Graber submitted a request to the Township Board for use of ARPA funds to obtain broadband services to the Woodsbrook Estates neighborhood. All residents in the neighborhood signed the letter submitted. At this time, it is recommended that the Township wait for further ruling on how the funds may be used. The Township is also waiting on a revenue loss calculation from Siegfried Crandall. No action taken.

**2. Antwerp Township Planning Commission Annual report**

Horizon Planning provided a report of all meetings held in 2021. There were 11 meetings held with three regarding text amendments, two special land uses, two rezoning and one site plan extension. 2022 goals include: wellhead protection overlay, environmental regulations, recreational marihuana regulation, survey executive summary and master plan five-year review.

**3. Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste contract**

Kalamazoo County provided a new contract for the current year with fees in the amount of \$5000.00.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to authorize Supervisor Ruzick to sign a new contract with Kalamazoo County Hazardous Waste for the 2022 year. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes. Motion carries.

**4. Van Buren Conservation District letter dated 12/22/2021**

Emily Hickmott from the Van Buren Conservation District sent a letter asking to partner with municipalities to recycling collection sites. The letter provided a breakdown of items collected throughout 2021.

**5. Cemetery GIS Renewal**

ESRI provided a new contract to the Township for software used to maintain GIS mapping of Harwick cemetery in the amount of \$500 per year.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to authorize Clerk Reyna to sign the contract with ESRI in the amount of \$500 for services pertaining to cemetery GIS mapping. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

**6. Recreational marihuana update and findings**

At the regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting held on January 5, 2021 there was no discussion on marihuana due to the weather and the meeting only touching on items that needed attention immediately. The Planning Commission plans to revisit the subject at the February meeting. No action taken.

**Correspondence:**

- Van Buren County Commissioners report

**Announcements:**

**Reports:**

*Attorney*  
None

*Treasurer-* Bonnie Osborne  
\$521,017.41 in the general fund

*Building Activity- Chantel Reyna*

Antwerp: 25 permits for December including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$7,099.00.

Almena: 34 permits for December including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$5,623.00.

*Van Buren District Library- Bruce Cutting*

Short meeting. Discussion on COVID policies.

*Sunshine Branch Library- Bonnie Osborne*

No in person activities

*Lawton Fire Department- Bruce Cutting*

Short Meeting. Paid bills.

*Paw Paw Fire Department -Dan Ruzick*

No report.

*Mattawan Fire Department – Bonnie Osborne*

Three new members. There were 84 calls for service in December.

*Cemeteries - Chantel Reyna*

One burial

*Planning Commission - Gary Stock*

Meeting minutes are available online at [www.antwerptownship.com](http://www.antwerptownship.com).

*Zoning Board of Appeals - Gary Stock*

No meeting.

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**Public Comment:**

None

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Fire Department, and Senior Services bills to be paid.

Motion by Cutting, second by Stock to approve bills to be paid in the amount of \$105,621.33. Roll call vote; Cutting-yes, Stock-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna