

MINUTES FROM THE  
SPECIAL ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday March 22nd, 2022

Supervisor Ruzick called the board meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Board Members Present: Daniel J. Ruzick-Supervisor, Chantel Reyna-Clerk, Gary Stock- Trustee, Bruce Cutting-Trustee

Board Members Absent: Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer

Also Present: One guest

**Discussion:**

**A. Antwerp Township Senior Services millage proposal**

Senior Service Advisory Board voted at its March 9, 2022 meeting to place the Senior Services millage on the August 2022 ballot with an increase in millages levied from .25 to .50 to help offset increasing costs for the program. This will be presented at the Regular Township Board Meeting held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**B. Van Buren County Road Commission**

Supervisor Ruzick sent a FOIA request to the Van Buren County Road Commission requesting the formula on how allocations are figured for road funds throughout the County Currently Antwerp Township is receiving approximately ¼ of what they pay in the roads per the current allocation formula. Supervisor will draft a letter opposing the allocation formula asking for the Van Buren County Road Commission to consider a different formula for calculating allocations.

**C. Antwerp Township Fire agreement with Almena Township**

Currently there is a contract with Almena Township until February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 that states fire services with be 1.4 mills on taxable value for the Mattawan Fire District. Almena Township Board members presented a formula they would like the Antwerp Township Board to consider. There was discussion on the formula presented and at this time, Antwerp Township feels that if Antwerp residents are paying on taxable value, that Almena should do the same.

**D. Wage and Benefit Committee**

Trustee Cutting stated that the committee had met with a consultant that could conduct a wage and benefit study to see where the Township sits as far as wages and benefits. This firm will provide a proposal to conduct the survey and it will be presented back to the Township Board for approval.

**E. ARPA Funds**

Per the recommendation of the Township's auditor, the Township has not allocated any funds for ARPA funds but will begin work on a draft expenditure report. This is subject to change as other requests come in the use of funds or as bids are obtained for items already in the report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna