

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

Clerk Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board Members Absent: Daniel J. Ruzick-Supervisor, Phil Tarchala-Trustee

Also Present: Six guests

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

Public Comment:

Emily Hickmott - Van Buren Conservation District

- Antwerp Township is one of top 5 recyclers in the County.
- Battery drop off location at Sunshine Library.
- 87,000 lbs. of electronics have been recycled throughout the County this year.
- Community Thrift Shop in Paw Paw is year-round electronics drop off location.

Paul Schincariol - Van Buren County Commissioner

- Employee handbook updates in progress.
- Public transit has given 81,206 rides so far in 2023.
- Holiday lighting approved for the County building.

Wayne Nelson - Van Buren County Road Commission

- Seasonal chip seal and fog seal is complete for the year.
- Paving projects are almost complete.
- Trucks are prepped for snow.
- Budget preparations are underway.

Deputy Scott Borah - Van Buren County Sheriff Department

- 87 calls in Antwerp Township for the month of October.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve previous minutes from Regular Scheduled Township Board Meeting on October 10th, 2023. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

None

Pending Business

None

New Business:

A. Kalamazoo County Hazardous Household Waste contract amendment

KCHHW sent update stating previously allocated funds are depleted.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to authorize an additional amount of \$1000 to KCHHW for recycling contract. We would also like an itemized breakdown of the use of funds. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

B. Surveyor proposal for transfer station property new legal description and topo

Proposals were received from Mitchell & Morse Land Surveying in the amount of \$3200.00, Southwest Survey & Engineering in the amount of \$3885.00 and Stephenson Land Surveying in the amount of \$6440.00.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to accept the proposal from Mitchell & Morse Land Surveying in the amount of \$3200.00. Roll call vote; Cutting-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

C. Paw Paw Quick Response contract renewal

Paw Paw Quick Response sent their contract renewal in the amount of \$1500.00. The amount has remained the same for several years.

Motion by Cutting. Second by Osborne to sign the renewal contract in the amount of \$1500.00 with Paw Paw Quick Response. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

VBCRC weekly updates

Kalamazoo Count Hazardous Household Waste 3rd quarter report

Announcements

None.

Reports:

Attorney

None

Treasurer- Bonnie Osborne

\$291,366.71 in general fund

Building Activity- Chantel Reyna

Antwerp: 36 permits for October including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$6,394.00.

Almena: 22 permits for October including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$3,744.00.

Van Buren District Library- Bruce Cutting

Millage discussions. Budget in good shape.

Sunshine Branch Library- Bonnie Osborne

Wednesday and Thursday are story time days. Christmas with Lions Club will be December 2, 2023.

Lawton Fire Department- Bruce Cutting

Paid bills. Discussion on new roof and equipment repairs.

Paw Paw Fire Department -Dan Ruzick
No report

Mattawan Fire Department – Bonnie Osborne/Chief Brooks
84 calls for the month of October
New truck arrives next week and will be in service by Thanksgiving.
Two new probationary members, three members attending fire academy and 9 new cadets.
New hose will arrive in January.
New air packs are needed. Department is looking for grants to help with cost.

Cemeteries - Chantel Reyna
One burial in October

Planning Commission -
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Zoning Board of Appeals -
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Public Comment:

None

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Fire Department, and Senior Services bills in the amount of \$654,484.02
Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to pay the bills in the amount of \$654,484.02. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne second by Reyna to adjourn.
All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna