

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

Clerk Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Daniel J. Ruzick-Supervisor, Chantel Reyna-Clerk, Bruce Cutting-Trustee, Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer, Phil Tarchala-Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Three guests

Motion by Reyna, second by Osborne to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of item C. Hamilton Street Resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

Deputy Ryan Moyle – Van Buren County Sheriff Department

- 161 calls in Antwerp Township for the month of November.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve previous minutes from Regular Scheduled Township Board Meeting on November 14th, 2023. Ruzick abstained. The rest voted in favor. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

- A. Antwerp Township Zoning Ordinance Amendments Section 4.3, Zoning Map, General Regulations within Chapter 7 of Wellhead Protection Overlay District, and other District as in new Section 7.3. Township Planning Commission recommends approval. Van Buren County Planning Commission recommends approval.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting to accept the recommendation from the Antwerp Township Planning Commission for amendments to Section 4.3 within Chapter 7. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes. Motion carries.

Pending Business

None

New Business:

A. Antwerp Township discussion on Transfer Station

Van Buren County Conservation District presented the award letter for the recycling grant. After discussion by the Board, it was decided that the Board did not want to move forward with the grant. The discussion led to using other funds to fund the project.

Motion by Tarchala to use ARPA funds to fund the project. No support. Motion fails.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Reyna to fund the transfer station project with 50% ARPA funds and 50% funds from general fund. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-no, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

B. Proposal for gate access at new VBCRC site

Proposal received from Justice fence in the amount of \$6998.00 for access to the new VBCRC site located at 64th Ave. and C.R. 657.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to accept the proposal from Justice Fence in the amount of \$6998.00 for access to the VBCRC site. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

C. Hamilton Street Resolution

Antwerp Township received a petition for Hamilton Street to become a certified street with the Van Buren County Road Commission. The next step in the process is to adopt a Resolution indicating the request for certification.

Motion by Cutting, second by Reyna to adopt a Resolution indicating the request for certification of Hamilton Street. Roll call vote; Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

Announcements

None.

Reports:

Attorney

None

Treasurer- Bonnie Osborne
\$206,483.30 in general fund

Building Activity- Chantel Reyna
Antwerp: 24 permits for November including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$5,016.00.
Almena: 11 permits for November including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$3,027.00.

Van Buren District Library- Bruce Cutting
Budget amendments discussed.

Sunshine Branch Library- Bonnie Osborne
Participated with the Lion's Club Christmas event in the Village.

Lawton Fire Department- Bruce Cutting
Paid bills. Short meeting.

*Paw Paw Fire Department -*Dan Ruzick
Water issue with the Village of Paw Paw discussion.

Mattawan Fire Department - Bonnie Osborne/Chief Brooks
93 calls for the month of November.
Mattawan fire is requesting budget amendments that will be done before the end of the fiscal year.

Cemeteries - Chantel Reyna
One burial in November.

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 \$143,586.14

Motion by Cutting, second by Tarchala to pay the bills in the amount of \$143,586.14. Roll call vote; Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna