

MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, October 14th, 2025

Supervisor Ruzick called the public hearings to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board Members Absent:

Also, Present: 8 guests

**Public Comment:**

**Paul Schincariol - Van Buren County Commissioner**

- Digital Communications Director hired
- Transit ridership up
- Veterans Services 3325 contacts last year
- Health insurance rates increasing at County

**Wayne Nelson – Van Buren County Road Commissioner**

- All projects are wrapped up for the year
- Mowing still taking place
- Annual event October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm and October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm
- Resident in audience addressed concerns with intersection of C.R. 657 and C.R. 364. Wayne will investigate a traffic study for the area.

**Andrew Martz – Mattawan Fire District**

- 88 calls for the month of September. 64 were EMS and 24 were fire calls
- Training prop has estimated completion of January

**Zach Hathaway – Van Buren County Sheriff Department**

- 188 total calls for service in Antwerp Township in September

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

Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne to approve previous minutes from Township Board Meeting held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**A. Antwerp Township Trailway and easement acquisition**

All easements have been approved and ready for project to move forward.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting to move forward with the trailway and issue checks for easement acquisitions. Roll call vote; Ruzick-no, Reyna-yes, Osborne-no, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes. Motion carries.

**B. Mattawan Fire truck purchase**

Chief Brooks provided a purchase order for a replacement truck in the amount of \$92,000.00 including all necessary equipment.

Motion by Osborne, second by Tarchala to purchase a new truck for Mattawan Fire Department in the amount of \$92,000.00. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

**C. Information on portable traffic signs**

Deputy Hathaway provided several options of portable traffic signs to monitor speed throughout the Township. The Board picked an option they were interested in. Supervisor Ruzick will get pricing and details from the Sherriff Department on the usage of the sign and report back to the Board next month.

**D. Proposed lease from Atlas Tower at transfer station**

Atlas Tower provided an agreement for the placement of a tower at the transfer station. After discussion, the Board would like more information about noise pollution and radiofrequency pollution. Supervisor Ruzick will get more information for next month's meeting.

**Announcements:**

**Correspondence:** Letter from PPQR dated September 15, 2025, and VBCRC weekly updates

**Reports:**

*Attorney*

None

*Treasurer-* Bonnie Osborne

\$158,953.03 in general fund

*Building Activity-* Chantel Reyna

Antwerp: 50 permits for September including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$9,766.00.

Almena: 20 permits for September including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$5,114.00

*Van Buren District Library-* Bruce Cutting

No report

*Sunshine Branch Library-* Bonnie Osborne

No report

*Lawton Fire Department-* Bruce Cutting

No report

*Paw Paw Fire Department -*Daniel Ruzick

Paid bills.

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*Mattawan Fire Department* – Bonnie Osborne  
Training door for training prop to cost roughly \$10,000.00.

*Cemeteries* – Chantel Reyna  
One burial

*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 \$121,972.13.

Motion by Cutting, second by Tarchala to pay the bills in the amount of \$673,125.37. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna