

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board Members Absent: Daniel Ruzick-Supervisor

Also, Present: 5 guests

Public Comment:

Zach Hathaway – Van Buren County Sheriff Department

- 146 total calls for service in Antwerp Township in January

Scott Brooks – Mattawan Fire District Chief

- 68 calls for service in January
- New truck is getting tires, cab, lights and decals. Should be in service in 2-3 weeks
- Update from Manning on training prop – moving along smoothly. Waiting for weather to break
- 2028 will be the 100-year anniversary of the fire department. A committee has been formed to plan a community event.
- Fire Board is making recommendation on bylaw amendment for Section III Article I. Currently the bylaw reads: The membership of the department shall consist of individuals, 18 years of age or older, residing, or employed in the Antwerp Fire District #1, any contracted area serviced by Mattawan Fire District, and within 1 mile of district lines. The recommendation is to update the by law to read: the membership of the department shall consist of individuals, 18 years of age or older, residing, or employed in the Antwerp Fire District #1, any contracted area serviced by Mattawan Fire District, and approved by membership.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne to approve the recommendation from the Mattawan Fire Board to update the bylaw in Section III Article I. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Wayne Nelson – Van Buren County Road Commissioner

- VBCRC has been busy with plowing
- Expressed appreciation for satellite building on C.R. 657
- Acknowledged issue over the New Year with plowing and believes the VBCRC has corrected the issue moving forward
- Discussion on intersection at C.R. 657 and 58th Ave./C.R. 364 and C.R. 657 and 60th Ave.

Motion by Osborne, second by Tarchala, to approve the agenda as submitted with the additions of items G. Red Arrow Outdoor Solutions proposal and item H. EPS proposal. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting, to approve previous minutes from Township Board Meeting held on January 13th, 2026. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business: Marketing firm search – No updates waiting for proposals

New Business:

A. Branch Library agreement update

Supervisor Ruzick planned to attend Van Buren District Library meeting in January, but meeting was canceled due to weather. New meeting date is February 24th, 2026, to discuss new contract.

B. Kalamazoo Household Hazardous Waste Policy for Antwerp Township residents

Supervisor Ruzick is working with KCHHW to implement a policy of allowing residents two vouchers per calendar year for hazardous waste disposal. The Township office will track the vouchers.

C. Antwerp Township Senior Service Advisory Board Appointment: Sherryl Bosker and Linda Greenhoe

Antwerp Township Senior Service Advisory Board made a recommendation to appoint Sherryl Bosker and Linda Greenhoe to the Advisory Board.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to appoint Sherryl Bosker and Linda Greenhoe to the Senior Services Advisory Board. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

D. Ben Brousseau 2 year Assessing contract

Assessor, Ben Brousseau, submitted a new two-year contract for Assessing Services. He is requesting a 6% increase in his contract amount. Current contract did not have an increase for 2 years. CPI numbers for the last two years are 5.60.

Motion by Osborne, second by Tarchala, to sign the proposed two-year contract for Assessing Services. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes. Motion carries.

E. Fire Extinguishers PB-PYE Barker Fire Safety proposal

Proposal presented to hydrotest/recharge 12 fire extinguishers throughout the Township buildings in the amount of \$1169.26.

Motion by Osborne, second by Tarchala to sign the proposal in the amount of \$1169.26 for hydrotest/recharge of 12 extinguishers. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

F. Van Buren County early voting agreement

Clerk Reyna presented an early voting agreement renewal to the Board to continue the agreement Antwerp Township currently has with the County to conduct early voting.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to authorize Clerk Reyna to sign the renewal contract for early voting. All voted in favor.

G. Red Arrow Outdoor Solutions proposal

Red Arrow Outdoor Solutions, previously MTH Lawn Services, submitted their 2026 rates for the lawn maintenance of the cemeteries.

Motion by Tarchala second by Osborne to accept the 2026 prices from Red Arrow Outdoor Solutions for the 2026 lawn maintenance. Roll call vote; Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

H. EPS key fob proposal

EPS submitted a proposal for the purchase of 200 key fobs for the transfer station.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting to purchase 200 key fobs from EPS. Roll call vote; Tarchala-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: VBCRC weekly updates and KCHHW 4th quarter report

Reports:

Attorney

None

Treasurer- Bonnie Osborne

\$128,271.32 in general fund

Building Activity- Chantel Reyna

Antwerp: 23 permits for January including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$5,860.00.

Almena: 12 permits for January including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$2,786.00

Van Buren District Library- Bruce Cutting

No report

Sunshine Branch Library- Bonnie Osborne

130 participants for scavenger hunt

Lawton Fire Department- Bruce Cutting

Paid bills

*Paw Paw Fire Department -*Daniel Ruzick

No report

Mattawan Fire Department - Bonnie Osborne

No report

Cemeteries - Chantel Reyna

No burials

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 \$97,002.50.

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Motion by Cutting, second by Tarchala to pay the bills in the amount of \$97,002.50. Roll call vote; Tarchala-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to adjourn.
All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna