

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY May 14, 2013 7:00 PM
APPROVED

Supervisor Ruzick called the Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Daniel J. Ruzick-Supervisor, Heather Mitchell-Clerk, Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer;
Bruce Cutting – Trustee; Ron Derhammer – Trustee

Also Present: Seven guests.

Announcement by Clerk Mitchell that she will no longer be recording Township Board Meetings. The official copy of minutes will be the typed minutes that are approved by the Township Board at the following month's meeting.

Public Comment: None

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Derhammer to approve minutes from April 9, 2013 with one correction under Reports "monitorin" to "monitoring." Four voted in favor, one abstained. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations: None.

Pending Business: None

New Business:

A. Resolution to establish salaries

Wage & Benefit Committee has no recommendation to the Board at this time on salary change, therefore, it is the position of the Township Board to continue to freeze salaries. Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer will be \$54,900; trustees will be \$5500.

Motion by Cutting, second by Mitchell to approve resolutions of salary as of July 1, 2013 for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees.

Roll Call Vote: Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes. Motion carries.

B. CTS Telecom Proposal

A proposal was presented to the Township Board to switch to fiber optic instead of DSL for internet services. Mattawan Sunshine Library is having the fiber optic installed in the next few months. The fiber internet service is 10/10meg which will aid in the upload and download speeds for VDIs through Secant Technologies. Issues have arisen in the last year in performance with the current DSL service that Antwerp pays \$175/month. The CTS service will run \$215/month with a 60 month which includes a dedicated fiber metro-e (10/10meg) symmetrical interest service with 5 static IP's.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve Supervisor Ruzick to sign CTS contract for a dedicated fiber optic line.

Roll Call Vote: Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

C. Antwerp Township/Sunshine Library Sign

Library would like to have a larger marquee section on the sign and the Township portion of the sign has been damaged by a woodpecker. Dick Roberts provided a bid to complete all work for \$2354. Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne to accept bid from Dick Roberts doing business as The Signman.

Roll Call Vote: Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes. Motion carries.

D. Antwerp Township Road Projects 2013-2014

Barry Anttila, Engineer, from VBCRC submitted estimates for road projects throughout Antwerp Township for the 2013-2014 budget year.

Project 2012-12: 23rd St from French Rd to Red Arrow Hwy

HMA crush and shape existing surface and replace with 2 courses of HMA for a total of 385 lb/syd (3.5 inches total). Total estimated cost of project is \$212,887.40

Residents on 23rd St are still concerned about speed limit. Township will approve a resolution once the work is completed that a speed study be completed in order to maintain or change the speed limit according to the finding of the study. Study should take place late fall. Concerns over the shoulder along 23rd were expressed as well with gravel vs grass.

Project 2013-4: 25th St within Antwerp Township

Ultra Thin Overlay. Total estimated cost of project is \$47,319.

Project 2013-9.1: 33rd St from Red Arrow Hwy to Township Line

This project will be completed in two phases due to cost. First phase will include surveying approximately 8600 feet for second phase and tree removal including slope modification. Total estimated cost is \$36,576.

Project 2013-2: Silver Oaks Subdivision

Ultra Thin Overlay (85 lbs/syd). Curbs will be installed at entrance of subdivision. Total estimated cost is \$59,866.05.

Road Commission will begin taking bids in June/July and the plan is to have all roads completed by the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve projects 2012-12; 2013-4; 2013-9.1; and 2013-2 for the 2013-2014 budget year.

Roll Call Vote: Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

Senior Services Board Appointment – Supervisor Ruzick will no longer serve once his term expires in June 2013, Township will be seeking a resident to represent Antwerp Township on the Senior Services Board.

Announcements: Annual Budget hearing will be on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

Reports:

Ordinance Officer Mark Hamre

For the month of April, 155 units responded to calls within Antwerp Township. A full report of all complaints is available at the Township Hall.

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Road Commission Al Svilpe

Superintendents meeting will be in two weeks in Lawrence. Discussion about how speed limits are set. Residents of 23rd St would like to see the speed limit lowered on their road. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission will be conducting some studies, office will contact for opportunities.

Attorney Harold Schuitmaker

No report.

Treasurer Bonnie Osborne

\$237,555.39 in general fund checking.

Building Activity Heather Mitchell

25 permits for April.

Sunshine Branch Library Bonnie Osborne

Summer reading program will run June 3 – July 27. Archeology Club is new for students 5th grade – 8th grade.

Lawton Fire Department Bruce Cutting

Looking at equipment cycle and the need for a new truck 1-2 years out.

Mattawan Fire Department Bonnie Osborne

Held elections and recommending same board to be appointed by Antwerp Township Board in June.

Cemeteries Heather Mitchell

One burial in April.

Mattawan Quick Response Bonnie Osborne

Reviewed budget.

Planning Commission Ron Derhammer

Reviewing separate blight ordinance; areas in current zoning ordinance need to be reviewed. Minutes can be obtained online at www.antwerptownship.com or at the Township office.

Zoning Board of Appeals Heather Mitchell

No meeting.

Public Comment: Prein Newhoff is being presented with an award for their utility work in the Bronson Project.

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response and Mattawan Fire Department bills in the amount of \$52,329.42.

Motion by Cutting, second by Derhammer to accept bills for payment.

Roll Call Vote: Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk