

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY August 13, 2013 7:00 PM
APPROVED

Supervisor Ruzick called the Township Board meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Supervisor Ruzick spoke to the large crowd that all who wished to address the board will be given their allotted time, however, if at any time someone speaks out of turn or is not courteous of someone in the crowd, he/she will be escorted out of the building by Deputy Hamre.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also Present: Sixty + guests.

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

Member from audience requested an addition to the agenda for discussion of the Hunter property.
Counsel for township indicated that the Board is ready and willing to hear all public comment on the Hunter property issue.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Osborne to adopt a resolution concerning the press release dated August 1, 2013 and statement in regard to David and Kelly Hunter to be released immediately.
All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Clerk Mitchell read the statement in regards to David and Kelly Hunter.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve minutes from July 9, 2013 with two changes. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment: The board heard various comments from the audience in regards to zoning ordinance enforcement issues on 22687 60th Ave owned by David and Kelly Hunter. Audience members spoke in support of the Hunter "farm," Hunter's should be able to keep all animals; Hunter's are a good family; Antwerp is a rural community; Township Board should be working with the family and ordinances should be less confusing. Few neighbors spoke to the negative impact of the Hunter property on their ability to enjoy their own property. Questions were fielded in regards to the entire situation and applicability of RTF Act. Brief discussion on R-1 zoning.

Board Response: This is a tough situation for all involved, but all sides have been respected. We are positive that this Board and the Hunter's can find common ground. Planning Commission will be looking at ordinances soon as we've heard people say some areas are too confusing to understand. Encourage all to be involved and to voice opinions.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations: None

Pending Business: None

New Business:

A. Mediacom Cable Franchise Agreement

Mediacom is seeking to renew the cable franchise agreement with Antwerp Township. A copy of the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement was provided to the Township for approval.

Board reviewed the franchise agreement and all terms remain the same.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne to renew Mediacom franchise agreement.

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

Correspondence: HHW Reporter – 2nd Quarter

Announcements: August 28, 2013 7:00 pm Planning Commission Workshop

Reports:

Ordinance Officer Mark Hamre

A full report of all complaints is available at the Township Hall.

Attorney Harold Schuitmaker

No report.

Treasurer Bonnie Osborne

\$132,421.74 in general fund checking.

Building Activity Heather Mitchell

33 permits for July.

Sunshine Branch Library Bonnie Osborne

Obtained license to show movies starting October 7; Lego Exhibit will be in ~~November~~ September.

Lawton Fire Department Bruce Cutting

Made small equipment purchase, paid bills.

Mattawan Fire Department Bonnie Osborne

Adopted two guidelines to include in personnel policy.

Cemeteries Heather Mitchell

Two burials in July.

Mattawan Quick Response Bonnie Osborne

Five new members; purchased small equipment.

Planning Commission Ron Derhammer

A motion was made that a farm microbrewery be a similar use to a farm winery, the motion failed to pass. Commission feels that ~~Similar~~ Section 3.2 Similar Uses, definitions of animals, keeping of animals, and minor clerical errors should be addressed first in amendment discussions. A complete set of minutes is available online or in the Township office.

Zoning Board of Appeals Heather Mitchell

A dimensional variance was approved of the required front setback of 83 ft. and the environmental buffer overlay setback of 100 ft. to 62 ft. and approximately 75 ft., respectively, based on unique characteristics exclusive to a parcel owned by Paula Meier, parcel 80-02-036-003-15. A complete set of minutes is available online or in the Township office.

Public Comment: Public comments regarding property at 22687 60th Ave. Concerns over taking anonymous complaints.

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response and Mattawan Fire Department bills in the amount of \$144,828.94.

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

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk