

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY January 14, 2014 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, Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer; Heather Mitchell-Clerk,
Bruce Cutting – Trustee, Ron Derhammer – Trustee.

Also Present: Five guests.

Motion by Osborne, second by Derhammer to approve the agenda with the addition of **D. Apple Blossom Winery LLC** under New Business. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve minutes from December 10, 2013 as mailed. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment: None.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations: None.

Pending Business: None.

New Business:

A. Board of Review Appointment

Wayne Martin has submitted his resignation to the Board of Review. William Lux completed an application of interest to fill vacancy.

Motion by Cutting, second by Derhammer to approve William Lux to the Antwerp Township Board of Review. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

B. Campbell Murch Cemetery Foundation Price Increase

Campbell Murch submitted a price increase of .05/in² for cemetery foundations. Prices have not increased since 2010.

Motion by Cutting, second by Mitchell to approve the price increase for cemetery foundations.

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

C. Notice of Assessment Quotes

Two quotes were obtained for comparison on printing, folding and mailing of assessment notices.

Lake Michigan Mailers submitted a price of \$3134.31 and KCI submitted a price of \$2658.07. We used KCI last year for this same service and we were pleased.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve KCI's quote in the amount of \$2658.07 for assessment notices.

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

D. Apple Blossom Winery LLC

Resolution was presented to the Board on behalf of Apple Blossom Winery LLC, Bill Schultz, in order to certify recommendation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Mr. Schultz was previously

recommended for approval for a farm winery and is now asking for the addition of a farm microbrewery. The January Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and therefore, they were not able to make the recommendation on the approval of farm microbreweries allowed in the AG district. However, the Planning Commission has been in review of this ordinance for six (6) months and David Jirousek, LSL Planning, feels strongly that it will be recommended for approval. The township board's recommendation for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission on behalf of Apple Blossom Winery merely aids in the time process and in no way acknowledges approval of any such operation on the premises until the Planning Commission has made recommendation for approval from the site plan review and special land use permit.

At the point Mr. Schultz will have to apply for a site plan review and special use permit, there will be an additional \$1500 due. The Township Board discussed the similar uses and whether or not another site plan review fee is truly necessary.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Mitchell to authorize resolution for a microbrewery recommending approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to waive the \$1000 site plan fee and only charge a \$500 special land use fee in order to cover costs of the Planning Commission, mailings and publication.

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

Correspondence: None

Announcements: Antwerp Township offices will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of MLK Jr Day..

Reports:

Ordinance Officer Mark Hamre

No change in blight report, still monitoring small issues. The sheriff's department took 36 calls in December. A full report of all calls is available at the Township Hall.

County Commissioner Beth Griffin

911 Board is currently seeking two new members and are asking for Township/Village representatives. Interested parties can access an application via www.vbco.org and all applicants will be approved by the County Commissioners.

The last of 13 group contracts have been finalized with hard cap insurance which will help the county in abilities to budget over the course of the next three (3) years.

Attorney Harold Schuitmaker

No report.

Treasurer Bonnie Osborne

\$189,354.22 general fund checking.

Building Activity Heather Mitchell

Nineteen (19) permits for December including building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing.

Sunshine Branch Library Bonnie Osborne

Library will be hosting a Microsoft Publishing class on February 3. This will begin a series of computer classes. Saturday, February 22 "The Princess and the frog" will be played for the movie matinee. Library will be closed 1/20/14 for Martin Luther King Jr day.

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Lawton Fire Department Bruce Cutting

Reviewing budget as fiscal year is coming to an end, Overall, department is in good shape, able to move up some equipment purchases in this budget cycle..

Mattawan Fire Department Bonnie Osborne

Looking into a support vehicle and will have a controlled burn on January 26th at 27th St and Almena Rd. Board feels that policy/procedure needs to be in place for the support vehicle.

Cemeteries Heather Mitchell

Four (4) burials in December.

Mattawan Quick Response Bonnie Osborne

Paid bills.

Planning Commission Ron Derhammer

January meeting cancelled due to inclement weather. Meeting minutes are available in the Township hall or online at www.antwerptownship.com.

Zoning Board of Appeals Heather Mitchell

No meeting in December.

Public Comment: None

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response and Mattawan Fire Department bills in the amount of \$66,328.70.

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

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk