

MINUTES FROM THE
SPECIAL ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY June 23, 2015 7:00 PM
Approved 7.14.15

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.
Board Members Absent & Excused: Ron Derhammer-Trustee, Bruce Cutting - Trustee.
Also Present: Three guests.

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

Public Comment: None

New Business:

A. Mattawan Fire Department Liability Insurance

Berends Hendricks Stuit is the current provider of liability insurance and the question of creating a standalone policy for Mattawan Fire Department has been discussed. The question remains on whether it would be a benefit for the fire department as to cost and coverage. A breakdown from Melissa Skiendziel, BHS, compared the two programs provided by MTPP (current) and ESIP (new). The premiums are close no matter which provider would be selected, however ESIP is one that specializes in fire departments. However, a question remains as to whether or not a standalone policy could be available without a separate federal ID number for the MFD. If and when articles of incorporation are created, a separate policy could be created, at this time it would be premature to separate out a liability policy.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Osborne to accept the proposal from current provider BHS, MTPP program, for the Mattawan Fire Department portion of liability insurance.

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

B. Adams Resident Cable Line

Colleen Cullitan from Straub, Seaman & Allen sent a legal opinion as to the appropriateness of spending monies from PA 48 of 2002. The act itself says very little about the purposes of the funds passed on by Treasury to municipalities under the statute. If the Township determines that a buried line in this area is a component of maintaining the integrity of the fiber line system, it can be concluded that the line can be buried using maintenance funds. The maintenance fund is dedicated solely to maintenance of the lines, easements, etc.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Osborne to appropriate monies from PA 48 of 2002 fund in order to bury length of Midwest cable line on Adams property and neighbors not to exceed \$5,000.

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

C. Alternate start date JBOR and DBOR resolution

The July Board of Review is held on the Tuesday following the third Monday and the December Board of Review is held on the Tuesday following the second Monday of the month. However, MCL 211.53b allows for alternate meeting dates if the governing body authorizes by resolution. A resolution adopted would move the meeting date of JBOR from the Tuesday following the third Monday to Wednesday following the third Monday. It would also move the DBOR meeting date

from the Tuesday following the second Monday to the Wednesday following the second Monday.

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adopt resolution creating alternate start dates for the July and December Board of Reviews.

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

Correspondence: None

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk