

MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY February 9, 2016 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: Two guests

Motion by Mitchell, second by Osborne to approve agenda with the addition of C. Activity Center Tables under New Business. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Osborne, second by Derhammer to approve January 12, 2016 minutes as mailed. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:** None

**New Business:**

**A. Men's Bathroom/Hall Entrance/Activity Center Change Order**

Hall Builders presented a change order for the current construction project including adding additional lighting in the Township office lobby and cabinet locks in the Activity Center. Total cost would be \$1137.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne to approve additional cost of change order.

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

**B. Text Amendments: Definitions and corner lot fence requirements**

Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 6, 2016 concerning several minor text amendments to the Antwerp Township Zoning Ordinance. Van Buren County Planning Commission also reviewed the amendments on January 27 and concurred unanimously with the Township Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the zoning ordinance. Amendments include:

- Five revised definitions to address issues of clarity and to ensure consistent interpretations.
- Fences-to permit higher fences in the "secondary" front yards on corner lots

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to approve minor text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

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

**C. Zemlick Quote Tables for Activity Center**

Lou Zemlick provided a quote for new round and rectangular tables for the Activity Center. The tables that are currently being used are showing a lot of wear and tear as they've been in service for more than 20 years. Tables are made in Sturgis, Michigan. Total cost would be \$10,100 for 15 of the folding tables (30 x 72) and 40 of the 60" round tables.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne to approve cost of new tables at \$10,100 from Zemlick Office Products.

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Reports:**

*Ordinance Officer* Mark Hamre

Reviewed current blight issues in Township.

*Van Buren County Road Commission* Al Svilpe

Reaching a resolution on the Smith property on CR 652; waiting for review of signage and lighting at Rolling Pines; Project sheets will be available in April in order to turn them around in May.

*Treasurer* Bonnie Osborne

\$178,511.39 in general fund checking. February 29 is the last day to pay 2015 summer and winter taxes at the Township office. We are closed on February 15.

*Building Activity* Heather Mitchell

13 permits for January including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$2,744.

*Sunshine Branch Library* Bonnie Osborne

Writing club is meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays is the musicians club.

*Lawton Fire Department* Bruce Cutting

Short meeting, workman's comp issue; looking at possibility of a grant covering entire cost of generator.

*Mattawan Fire Department* Bonnie Osborne

Receiving grant for new air packs.

*Cemeteries* Heather Mitchell

No burials in January.

*Mattawan Quick Response* Bonnie Osborne

First responder's class will be at the Fire station on February 27.

*Planning Commission* Ron Derhammer

No meeting in January. Meeting minutes are available online at [www.antwerptownship.com](http://www.antwerptownship.com).

*Zoning Board of Appeals* Heather Mitchell

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**Public Comment:** None

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response, Mattawan Fire Department, and Senior Services bills in the amount of \$46,282.41.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne 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 carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Heather Mitchell/Clerk