

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY April 12, 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.

Board Member Absent: Ron Derhammer-Trustee.

Also Present: Nine guests

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

Public Comment:

Cirilo Martinez: Running for 7th District Court Judge. Introduction and background.

Matthew Nilson: Running for District 66 State Representative. Introduction and background.

Paul Hamre: Running for County Commissioner District 7. Introduction and background.

Beth Griffin: Running for District 66 State Representative. Introduction and background.

David Walker: Running for Van Buren County Sheriff. Introduction and background.

Sid Shank offered a thank you to the Antwerp Township Board for the development of the Senior Services program. The Board offered a thank you back to Sid for all of her efforts.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve March 9, 2016 minutes as mailed. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

A. Portman Nature Preserve

A representative from the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy presented an overview of the 190 acre proposed Portman Nature Preserve. Presentation was given in detail to the Planning Commission at their April meeting, asking for support in resolution form. Planning Commission is in full support.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve a resolution supporting the acquisition and creation of the Portman Nature Preserve

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

New Business:

A. VBCRC Road Projects 2016-2017

Reviewed all Engineer's opinion of costs for proposed projects.

- **\$126,280:** Tree trimming and removals and a 1.5" HMA overlay 60th Ave (CR 657 to 30th St)
- **\$184,498.40:** Wedging and HMA Ultra-thin overlay and new gravel shoulders on 22nd (West to CR 652)
- **\$81,356:** HMA Ultra-thin overlay and new gravel shoulders on 64th Ave (between M-40 and 30th St)
- **\$151,342:** 1.5" HMA overlay with new shoulders and concrete curb and gutter at Red Arrow Hwy on 30th St (Red Arrow Hwy north to Almema line)

- **\$122,463:** Ultra-thin overlay with curb and gutter on Fox Creek Blvd (Subdivision)

Antwerp Township will receive an estimated \$88,000 in funding back from our millage monies collected. Discussion on projects. Almaena Township will be signing a project sheet for 30th St next year. Collective thoughts are to wait and collaborate 30th St project with Almaena Township in 2017.

Motion by Cutting, second by Mitchell to authorize Supervisor Ruzick to sign project sheets with the exception of 30th St north to Almaena Township line (#2016-10).

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

B. Proposals for damp proofing library & meeting room

Two proposals were received to address the issue with damp proofing in the township meeting room and library.

- Foundation Specialist: \$3600
- Great Lakes Waterproofing Co:\$3000

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to accept bid from Great Lakes Waterproofing in the amount of \$3,000.

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

C. Proposal for Activity Center lighting & Library Fixture

One bid was received from WA Wilcox to install new bulbs in the library men's bathroom, replace cabinet light switch, install 14 new LED lights and a drop down extension cord in the Activity Center. The bid totaled \$965.00.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to accept WA Wilcox bid for \$965 to perform all work listed on bid specifications.

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

D. Ken & Pam Smith

Overview of issue that started back in 2013. VBCRC performed work on a slope in front of Smith's home on CR 652. The work performed was unsatisfactory. Originally, VBCRC agreed to fix the issue they had created. Over two years have gone by and the issue is still standing. VBCRC position now is that they will pay 50% of the solution and the Smiths are to pay the other 50%. Discussion of Antwerp Township paying the portion for the Smith's out of primary road funding.

Ken Smith will reach out to contractor to obtain quotes on recreating the rock slope that was originally there. Issue tabled until May meeting.

VBCRC sent over a resolution asking for support from the Township of an application of funding for a bridge that carries CR 653 over the East Branch of the Paw Paw River. The maintenance funding would be administered by the Local Bridge Advisory Board. If chosen the project could be eligible for a maximum of 95% Federal/State funds in FY 2019. The remaining 5% would be locally funded.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Cutting to support VBCRC in obtaining funds for preventative maintenance for the bridge that carries CR 653 over the East branch of the Paw Paw River. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence: PPFDF will be performing a feasibility study for possible facility addition or a new building.

Announcements: None

Reports:

Ordinance Officer Mark Hamre

Reviewed current blight issues in Township and call log for previous month.

County Commission Beth Griffin

Financial review for jail and courthouse expansion including ADA fixtures and treatment area for juveniles.

Current Veterans coordinator has been out of office due to sickness, temporary volunteer has been stepping in to fill role. Brief discussion on conservation millage.

Treasurer Bonnie Osborne

\$162,946.66 in general fund checking.

Building Activity Heather Mitchell

30 permits for March including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$6,004.50.

Sunshine Branch Library Bonnie Osborne

April 11 the library will be having an open house. April 16 is a book sale from 10 am – 3 pm.

Lawton Fire Department Bruce Cutting

Short meeting, workman's comp issue; grant funding will most likely come through to cover the cost of generators for the Fire Department and Village Hall.

Mattawan Fire Department Bonnie Osborne

April 13 at 1:30 will be a tornado drill for three minutes.

Cemeteries Heather Mitchell

Three burials in March.

Mattawan Quick Response Bonnie Osborne

Received EPIpens, first responder classes will start in September.

Planning Commission Ron Derhammer

Portman Nature Preserve presentation. Meeting minutes are available online at www.antwerptownship.com.

Zoning Board of Appeals Heather Mitchell

Approved a reduced setback for Ron Verleger on AG property. Meeting minutes are available online at www.antwerptownship.com.

Public Comment: None

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response, Mattawan Fire Department, and Senior Services bills in the amount of \$126,756.40.

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

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk