

MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY August 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: Three guests

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to approve agenda with additions E through F under New Business. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment: Phil Tarchala spoke about meeting with DNR representative on trailway project.

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

**Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:** None

**New Business:**

**A. Cummins Bridgeway**

A planned equipment maintenance agreement is due to expire on September 30, 2016 for the generator at the Activity Center. A multi-year agreement is available with a small discount. A three year plan would cost \$1476.36.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to accept a three (3) year equipment maintenance agreement.

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

**B. Antwerp Activity Center Request**

Tonya Byers contacted the Township asking to use the Activity Center on September 10 in order to have a fundraiser for their 9 year old son, Caden Byers, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. The goal is to raise \$15,000 to purchase a trained service dog for Caden.

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to approve waiving the fee and use of the hall for the fundraiser on September 10. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**C. Activity Center Door Replacement**

Township received one bid for \$1800 by Wagner Door to replace two outside doors and all hinges at the Activity Center.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to approve bid for \$1800 from Wagner Door.

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

**D. Robert Half International Inc**

In the interest of obtaining part time help within the office, Robert Half Inc, Account Temps, has provided a contract for a part time employee, Jesse Marriott. The pay rate is \$20.31/hr.

Motion by Cutting, second by Derhammer to approve contract for a part time employee up to 20/hrs per week.

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

**E. Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Contract Amendment**

The end of August saw the use of all funds reserved for Antwerp Township. Will be asking KCHHWC to provide a list of names and addresses of people using the facility in order to verify money being used are residents of Antwerp Township.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne to approve an additional \$1000 for KCHHWC.

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

**F. Van Buren County 2016 Mitigation Plan Resolution**

Van Buren County has a plan used to mitigate disasters and has been updated. The county's most recent update in 2016 asks for township approval in order to apply and receive specific grants related to the official plan.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to approve resolution adopting VBC Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 as an official plan and that Antwerp Township will update its own plans to include recommendations from the hazard mitigation plan and that Antwerp Township will continue to provide information to the VBC Office of Domestic Preparedness for future update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements:** September meeting will begin at 6:30 pm for special assessments public hearing.

**Reports:**

*County Commissioner* Beth Griffin

Sadly, Sue Weir passed away who was our contact for Veterans in Van Buren County. Commissioners have offered a contract to Dave Hagen who had been filling in temporarily and Allegan County is also helping fill the void. Will be placing a millage in May for renovation of the jail and courthouse in order to obtain funding. Jail will cost around \$5M and can be paid from fund reserves, if a millage wouldn't pass in May the other part of the project, which is expected to be \$26M, will have to be put on hold.

*Treasurer* Bonnie Osborne

\$257,422.99 in general fund checking.

*Building Activity* Heather Mitchell

36 permits for July including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$6,498.

*Sunshine Branch Library* Bonnie Osborne

Tai Chi Program has gone well along with all other programming.

*Lawton Fire Department* Bruce Cutting

Paid bills.

*Mattawan Fire Department* Bonnie Osborne

Fifteen fire calls

*Cemeteries* Heather Mitchell

One (1) burial in July and one tree removal.

*Mattawan Quick Response* Bonnie Osborne

~~Seven~~ Fifty five calls.

*Planning Commission* Ron Derhammer

Working on text amendments and will review a site plan in September for Mark Lipsom who purchased the old Legends bar in Paw Paw. Meeting minutes are available online at [www.antwerptownship.com](http://www.antwerptownship.com).

*Zoning Board of Appeals* Heather Mitchell

No meeting in July. Meeting minutes are available online at [www.antwerptownship.com](http://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 \$73,241.76.

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

Roll Call Vote: Ruzick-yes; Derhammer-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 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Heather Mitchell/Clerk