

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 12th, 2021

Supervisor Ruzick called the board meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Daniel J. Ruzick-Supervisor (attending from Antwerp Township Hall), Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer (attending from Antwerp Township Hall), Chantel Reyna-Clerk (attending from residence in Antwerp Township), Gary Stock- Trustee (attending from residence in Antwerp Township), Bruce Cutting-Trustee (attending from office in the Village of Paw Paw)

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Three guests

Motion by Stock, second by Reyna to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of item F. Resolution to allow residents to protest in writing to Board of Review. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

None

Motion by Cutting, second by Stock to approve previous minutes from December 8th, 2020 Regular Township Board Meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

- A. Consideration of Special Land Use and Site Plan Permit Extension. Marcon Ventures, LLC for proposed restaurant with drive through service located at 23944 Red Arrow Highway Mattawan, MI 49071 (parcel # 80-02-001-028-01)**

Planning Commission recommends approval based on applicant's work to address conditions of approval in securing outside permits.

Motion by Stock, second by Osborne to approve Marcon Ventures permit extension request. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

New Business:

- A. Antwerp Township Planning Commission Annual Report**

Horizon Planning provided a report of all meetings held in 2020. There were 11 meetings held with four regarding text amendments, 5 special land uses, 1 plat, 2 site condos, and 3 rezoning. 2021 goals include: accessory dwelling units, variance standards, Township survey, environmental review checklists and standard, natural resources overlay, and review of planned unit development reform and density bonuses.

- B. Kalamazoo County HH Waste Center Contract**

Kalamazoo County provided a new contract with fees remaining the same at \$8500.00 per year.

Motion by Reyna, second by Stock to allow Supervisor Ruzick to sign a new contract with Kalamazoo County Hazardous Waste for the 2021 year. Roll call vote; Stock-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

C. Trailway Update

Sam from Wightman has all the paperwork together to submit the grant applications and will provide an update in the next month or two.

D. Audit Report for year end June 30, 2020

After review of the audit report, it was determined that the Township is financially stable.

Motion by Cutting, second by Reyna to accept and approve the audit for year ending June 30, 2020. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes. Motion carries.

E. Transfer Station Newspaper collection

The Boy Scouts will no longer be picking up newspaper from the Transfer Station. The Township is looking for another program to assist with newspaper collection.

F. Resolution to allow residents to protest in writing to Board of Review.

Assessor Brousseau provided a resolution to allow residents to protest to the Board of Review in writing rather than in person due to the ongoing pandemic.

Motion by Stock, second by Osborne to adopt a resolution allowing residents to protest in writing to the Board of Review. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

- VBC Board of Commissioners monthly report

Announcements:

- None

Reports:

Attorney

None

Treasurer- Bonnie Osborne

\$223,808.14 in the general fund

Building Activity- Chantel Reyna

Antwerp: 41 permits for December including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$7,682.00.

Almena: 20 permits for October including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$2,722.00.

Van Buren District Library- Bruce Cutting

Short Meeting. Paid bills.

Sunshine Branch Library- Bonnie Osborne

No Report

Lawton Fire Department- Bruce Cutting

Short meeting. Paid the bills.

Paw Paw Fire Department -Dan Ruzick

Short Meeting. Department has signed contract with Siegfried and Crandall for auditing.

Mattawan Fire Department - Bonnie Osborne

Approval of new pagers and approval of COVID-19 policy

Mattawan Quick Response - Bonnie Osborne

Department going through financial audit.

Cemeteries - Chantel Reyna

Five burials in December

Planning Commission - Gary Stock

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Zoning Board of Appeals - Gary Stock

No meeting.

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Public Comment:

Supervisor Ruzick stated he has received several calls regarding the wastewater project that the Village of Mattawan is working on. Residents were unaware of the letter of opposition that the Township sent to the Village of Mattawan.

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response, Mattawan Fire Department, and Senior Services bills in the amount of \$114,626.97.

Motion by Stock, second by Cutting to accept bills for payment. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Stock-yes, Cutting-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna