

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 9th, 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 residence in Antwerp Township)

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Seven guests

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to accept the agenda as submitted. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve previous minutes from January 11^h, 2021 Regular Township Board Meeting. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

Paul Schincariol – Van Buren County Commissioner

1. Work on the new County website is under way in conjunction with updating storage updates to both Courthouse location.
2. The Commission is forming a community liaison tax force and are seeking candidates.

Paul Graham – Van Buren County Sherriff Department

1. Deputy Graham conducted an inspection on 3.9.21 of the property located at 29697 64th Ave Lawton, MI 49065 regarding the blight and litter ordinance violation. The property was to be clean and clear of debris on March 1, 2021. Upon inspection, Deputy Graham found the property to be cleaned some while the remaining litter and debris to be behind a fence on the back of the property. The mess is still visible to neighbors.
2. Contact information left at residence on C.R. 657 regarding potential sign ordinance violation.
3. Deputy Graham provided a report of calls in Antwerp Township for the month of February.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to approve previous minutes of February 9, 2021. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

None

Pending Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Mattawan Fire update

Attorney Kaufman is suggesting a meeting between the Antwerp Township Board and the Mattawan Fire Board to continue discussion about merger. After discussion from the Township Board and the Fire Chief it was determined that the merger should continue with the fire department remaining part of Township. It was suggested that the Township Board meet with the attorney to discuss the process. Supervisor Ruzick will schedule a special meeting with attorney Kaufman.

B. Van Buren County Road Commission Road Projects 2020-2021

VBCRC provided estimates of roads within the Township that have the lowest PASER rating. There was discussion on which roads to allocate funds to repair.

Motion by Cutting, second by Reyna to authorize Supervisor.

Ruzick to sign bid sheets for road projects; Rose Meadow/Primrose Path and entire subdivision, 64th Ave (C.R. 657 to 30th Street), 64th Ave (M-40 to Paw Paw Township line), 60th Ave (Village of Mattawan line to 63rd Street), and previously committed; Two Oaks Circle and Valley View subdivision. Roll call vote; Stock-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

C. Edgewood Plat Final

Dave Jirousek has obtained approval from all agencies required for final approval and the escrow check has been received for paving. The Planning Commission is recommending approval of Edgewood Plat.

Motion by Cutting, second by Stock to approval final plan of Edgewood Plat as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes. Motion carries.

D. Robert Leversee clean up at 29697v64th Ave. Lawton, MI 49065

Deputy Graham previously provided update on progress of clean up. At the regular scheduled Township Board Meeting held in November the Board agreed to allow the resident to have until March 1, 2021 to complete the clean-up. After inspection, the property continues to be littered. The Board has received a bid from Aleks ich Excavating to complete the clean up. Due to frost laws currently in place, the Township cannot begin cleaning up immediately.

Motion by Osborne, second by Cutting to begin cleaning up one week after frost laws have been lifted. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Stock-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

- VBCRC weekly updates
- Community survey

Announcements:

- None

Reports:

Attorney

None

Treasurer- Bonnie Osborne

\$182,570.56 in the general fund

Building Activity- Chantel Reyna

Antwerp: 24 permits for February including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$3653.00.

Almena: 18 permits for February including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$3229.00.

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. Budget adopted.

Paw Paw Fire Department -Dan Ruzick
Short Meeting. Paid bills.

Mattawan Fire Department – Scott Brooks
Pd bills. Ladder truck was fixed.

Mattawan Quick Response – Scott Brooks
Assessments on assets being completed.

Cemeteries - Chantel Reyna
One burial in February

Planning Commission - Gary Stock
Meeting minutes are available online at www.antwerptownship.com.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Gary Stock
No meeting.
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 \$158,946.05.

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

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to adjourn.
All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna