

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 13h, 2024

Clerk Reyna called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Chantel Reyna-Clerk, Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer, Phil Tarchala-Trustee, Bruce Cutting-Trustee

Board Members Absent: Daniel Ruzick-Supervisor

Also, Present: 4 guests

Public Comment:

Deputy Scotty Borah – Van Buren County Sheriff Department

- 114 calls in Antwerp Township for the month of July.

Wayne Nelson and Bret Witkowski – Van Buren County Road Commission

- Light on 24th and Red Arrow being looked at for changing from surface control to camera control
- County has completed 170 miles of sealcoat
- County is completing their own mowing.

Motion by Osborne, second by Tarchala to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of item E. Township hall security upgrades and item F. Library lighting proposals.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne to approve previous minutes from Regular Scheduled Township Board Meeting on July 9th, 2024. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations: None

Old Business: None

Pending Business: None

New Business:

A. Bids, clean up at 29579 64th Ave. Lawton, MI 49065

The Township did not receive any bids to clean up the condemned outbuilding located at 29579 64th Ave. After discussion, the Board decided to seek legal counsel on obligations for clean up on a condemned structure. Tabled until next month.

B. Discussion on Senior Services building addition to Activity Center

Wightman and Associates provided a price of roughly \$2.5 million for a 5123 sq. ft addition to the Activity Center. The Township Board would like to host a workshop with residents to discuss the Senior Services building as well as the Township hall.

C. Discussion on 1.4 or 1.5 mills for Mattawan Fire Assessments

Township Board feels 1.4 mills should be levied in 2024. In 2025 when Almena Township increases to 1.5 mills then Antwerp will do the same. Assessment hearings will be held at the next regular scheduled Township Board meeting on September 10th, 2024.

D. Discussion on having tire collection in fall

Township board would like to move forward with a tire collection to be held in the fall.

Motion by Cutting, second by Tarchala to hold a fall tire collection. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

E. Township hall security upgrades

Department of Homeland Security did an assessment of the Township Hall and made recommendations of security upgrades. Hall Builders provided a quote in the amount of \$29,904.00. After discussion, the Board would like to wait on moving forward with upgrades until after the workshop regarding the Township Hall.

F. Library lighting proposals

Clerk Reyna received two bids for new and upgraded lighting in the library.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting to approve the bid from Fuller Electric in the amount of \$2700.00 for upgrades and replacements to lighting in the library. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Tarchala-yes, Cutting-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence: 2nd Quarter 2024 Hazardous Household Waste newsletter

Announcements: September Meeting will begin at 6:15 pm for Special Assessments

Reports:

Attorney

None

Treasurer- Bonnie Osborne

\$196,949.95 in general fund

Building Activity- Chantel Reyna

Antwerp: 63 permits for July including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$11,606.00.

Almena: 42 permits for July including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$13,824.00.

Van Buren District Library- Bruce Cutting

Budget work, pay changes, discussion on pension.

Sunshine Branch Library- Bonnie Osborne

515 participants signed up for summer reading program.

Lawton Fire Department- Bruce Cutting

Short meeting. Paid bills.

*Paw Paw Fire Department -*Bonnie Osborne

Discussion on new truck

Mattawan Fire Department - Bonnie Osborne

Community gathering Saturday August 17, 2024 from 11:00am – 2:00pm

Cemeteries – Chantel Reyna
Three burials in July.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals -
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Public Comment:

None

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Fire Department, and Senior Services bills in the amount of \$181,862.17

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting to pay the bills in the amount of \$181,862.17. Roll call vote; Tarchala-yes, Cutting-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Tarchala to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna