

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board Members Absent:

Also, Present: 4 guests

Public Comment:

Zach Hathaway – Van Buren County Sheriff Department

- 138 total calls for service in Antwerp Township in February

Kyle Gabrielse – Mattawan Fire District

- 66 calls for service in February

Motion by Reyna, second by Tarchala, to approve the agenda as submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Tarchala, to approve previous minutes from Township Board Meeting held on February 10th, 2026. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business: Marketing firm search – Supervisor Ruzick provided a bid from one firm. Waiting to hear back from another

New Business:

A. Van Buren County District Library agreement

Supervisor Ruzick and Trustee Tarchala attended the VBDL meeting. Supervisor Ruzick outlined the discussion that took place. It appears VBDL is planning to propose an amendment to the current contract dated 1997. This Board has sent notice stating they wish to terminate that contract and execute a new contract. Supervisor Ruzick proposed options within a new contract that address the issues the VBDL Board had during that meeting. Supervisor Ruzick has reached out to the VBDL chairperson to discuss these options and at the time of the meeting, has not received a return call. Supervisor Ruzick is looking for directions from the Antwerp Township Board as to whether he should mail a letter and the options proposed. The Board agreed that the letter should be sent.

B. Antwerp Township Senior Service millage renewal proposal

Clerk Reyna submitted a resolution for the millage renewal of the Senior Services program. This millage renewal request will be placed on the August ballot.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne, to adopt the resolution for the millage renewal request for Senior Services. Roll call vote: Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes. Motion carries.

C. Rose Creek Condominium Resolution to have VBCRC accept the roadways

Clerk Reyna presented a Resolution to recommend that VBCRC accept the roads in Rose Creek Condominium plat into certification.

Motion by Reyna, second by Osborne to adopt the Resolution submitted. Roll call vote: Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

D. Antwerp Township Trailway mussel survey and archaeological survey proposals

Wightman presented bids for the mussel survey and archaeological survey required to move forward with the trail project. Wightman also presented a grant opportunity to the Board. This will require the Board to hold a public hearing. The Board agreed that the hearing will be on Tuesday March 24th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne, to accept the bid from ETC in the amount of \$10,000 for the mussel survey. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Reyna, to accept the bid from Orbis in the amount of \$21,310 for the archaeological survey. Roll call vote; Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

E. Proposal for electrical replacement of stairway fixture and new receptacles

Supervisor Ruzick received two bids from Juriga Contracting and Fuller Electric for the work to be done at the Township.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting to accept the bid from Fuller Electric in the amount of \$1200.00. Roll call vote; Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

F. Van Buren County Road Commission 2026 road project estimates

VBCRC presented estimates for 2026 road projects. Projects are suggested based off PASER ratings.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting to authorize Supervisor Ruzick to sign the pre-bid deposit sheets for 2026 road projects in Antwerp Township. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: VBCRC weekly updates

Reports:

Attorney
None

Treasurer- Bonnie Osborne
\$206,283.45 in general fund

Building Activity- Chantel Reyna
Antwerp: 24 permits for February including Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing with fees of \$4,773.00.
Almena: 13 permits for February including Building, Electrical and Mechanical with fees of \$2,915.00

Van Buren District Library- Bruce Cutting
All discussions took place during item A. in new business

Sunshine Branch Library- Bonnie Osborne

- 178 participants for the Bingo Challenge
- 12 participants in the D&D program

Lawton Fire Department- Bruce Cutting
Paid bills

Paw Paw Fire Department -Daniel Ruzick
No report

Mattawan Fire Department - Bonnie Osborne
No report

Cemeteries - Chantel Reyna
No burials

Planning Commission -
Meeting minutes are available online at www.antwerptownshipmi.gov

Zoning Board of Appeals -
Meeting minutes are available online at www.antwerptownshipmi.gov

Public Comment:

None

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Fire Department, and Senior Services bills in the amount of \$163,987.77.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting to pay the bills in the amount of \$163,987.77. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna