MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 11th, 2026

Supervisor Ruzick 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: None

Public Hearing: Furness Farms Road Improvements Special Assessment District

- The proposed special assessment is for three years.
- Assessment amounts noted were approximately $1,858.75 for 2026, $1,858.79 for 2027, and $1,858.71 for 2028.

Hearing closed at 6:44pm.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

Wayne Nelson – Van Buren County Road Commissioner

- Half of the seal coat and fog seal are done for the season within the County
- Half of the mowing for the season is done
- Appreciation shown for the satellite building
- C.R. 657 bridge repair appropriation from the State roughly $800,000.00

Scott Brooks – Mattawan Fire Chief

- 98 calls in July
- Ladder purchase approved
- 90-day probationary period for new employee is over. Fire Board is recommending full hire and increase in wages.
- New airpacks are in. Training will begin in a few weeks
- Chief Brooks stated that previous conversation with the building official for the Village of Mattawan stated no permit is needed for the training prop due to it being a temporary structure.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

Old Business:

- Supervisor Ruzick would like to draft a letter to VBDL stating Antwerp Township will sign the proposed addendum providing the VBDL agrees to a reduction in library space at the Antwerp Sunshine Library.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Ruzick, to authorize Supervisor Ruzick to send a letter stating the Township would sign the addendum if the library size was reduced. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-no, Tarchala-yes. Motion carries.

New Business:

A. Resolution Furness Farms Road Improvement Special Assessment
Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne, to approve the Furness Farms Road Improvement Special Assessment resolution. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

B. Antwerp Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment
Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne, to approve the zoning ordinance amendment that addresses solar and battery storage. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

C. Discussion on 1.4 or 1.5 mills Mattawan Fire Assessments
Discussion took place regarding a 1.4 or 1.5 mill assessment for Mattawan Fire. Almena Township will levy 1.5 mills. Antwerp Township will do the same

D. Proposal for Signage for Township Hall
Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna, to approve the proposal for Township Hall signage in the amount of $925.00. Roll call vote; Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

E. Red Arrow Convoy Special Event Permit
Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne, to approve the Red Arrow Convoy Special Event Permit. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

F. Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal
Motion by Cutting, second by Tarchala to accept the BCBS renewal. Roll call vote; Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

G. Clerk Request
Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting, regarding the Clerk request for paying each receiving board member $50 per election and a resident $50 for assisting the Clerk on election day. Roll call vote; Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

H. VBCRC – LED Traffic Control Device
Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve Resolution for Mattawan Schools LED traffic devices. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes. Motion carries.

I. Shannon White
Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to hire Shannon full time with benefits. Roll call vote; Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

- 2nd Quarter 2026 Household Hazardous Waste
- Van Buren County Road Commission Annual Report
- Paw Paw Fire Annual Audit ending February 28, 2026

Announcements:

- September meeting will begin at 6:15pm for Special Assessments.

Reports:

Attorney
None
Treasurer- Bonnie Osborne
Treasurer's report noted a balance of $157,580.76.
Building Activity- Chantel Reyna
Antwerp: 58 permits with fees noted: $14,783.00.
Almena: 35 permits with fees noted: $9,071.00.
Van Buren District Library- Bruce Cutting
Discussion took place under Old Business.
Lawton Fire Department- Bruce Cutting
No meeting; will meet the third Thursday.
Paw Paw Fire Department -Daniel Ruzick
Clean audit. New truck expected next month.
Mattawan Fire Department – Bonnie Osborne
Cemeteries – Chantel Reyna
8 Burials
Planning Commission -
Meeting minutes are available online at www.antwerptownshipmi.gov
Zoning Board of Appeals -
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Public Comment:

- A resident thanked the Township for all the hard work we do.

Committee for Bills
Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting, to pay the bills. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Reyna-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna to adjourn.
All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chantel Reyna