ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 13, 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:

Additions to Agenda:

Old Business: Planning Commission appointment

New Business: D. All Traffic Solutions contract renewal E. EPG Security for Election

Motion by Reyna, second by Osborne to approve the additions to the agenda as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

Jerry Davison – Paw Paw Public School Superintendent - discussed the non-homestead operating millage and the Headlee rollback over five years.

Dawn- resident- expressed appreciation for the Township's work.

Kyle Gabrielse – Mattawan Fire Department – 34 calls in Antwerp

Captain Martz – Mattawan Fire Department – training prop is making progress

Zach Hathaway – Van Buren County Sheriff Deputy – 208 Total calls for service in September.

Consideration of previous minutes from the Township Board meeting September 8, 2026

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting, to approve the September 8, 2026 meeting minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

None.

Old Business:

Van Buren District Library

Discussion took place regarding the proposed library agreement.

Motion by Cutting, no second, to send a new agreement comparable to the old agreement, with a one time $25,000 payment and $7500 annually with adjustment for inflation and keep the Sunshine branch with the same footprint with no reduction in size. No second. Motion fails.

More discussion took place. It was decided that Supervisor Ruzick would draft a letter outlining the public meeting that took place. The public has spoken about the fact that they do not want the size of the library to be reduced.

Planning Commission Appointment

Clerk Reyna received an application for appointment with the Planning Commission which was tabled last month while it was determined how many members would be resigning. Trustee Tarchala reported that all members currently on the board will remain on for the time being. If a new appointment were to happen, there would be six members creating an issue when it comes to voting. Clerk Reyna suggested appointing the applicant as an alternate so that she may attend meetings, attend training, and be involved so that when a member does step down, she is ready to replace them.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne, to appoint Susan Creager as an alternate on the Planning Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

New Business:

A. Activity Center Proposed Rental Hour Changes

The Board discussed proposed changes to Activity Center rental hours. Notable changes include hours changing from 1:00 am to 12:00 am ending time, no gathering in the parking lots, no children should be unattended in the parking lot.

Motion by Tarchala, second by Osborne to adopt a new contract for the Activity Center rental policy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

B. John Hancock and Voya Plan Change

The Board discussed the proposed plan change. This would take both 401(a) and 457(b) accounts to the same vendor to decrease costs for all participants.

Motion by Cutting, second by Tarchala to authorize Clerk Reyna to move both accounts to Spectrum from John Hancock and Voya. Roll call vote; Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes. Motion carries.

C. Crescent Estates Driveway Approach

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

D. Traffic Solutions

Motion by Tarchala, second by Cutting, authorized Clerk Reyna to sign a 60-month renewal for the traffic speed trailer. Roll call vote: Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

E. EPG Security / Elections

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne, to authorize Clerk Reyna to hire EPG security to monitor polling locations on election day. Roll call vote; Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes, Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

Letter from David Tate dated October 5, 2026; Van Buren County Road Commission weekly updates.

Announcements:

None recorded.

Reports:

Attorney

No report recorded.

Treasurer – Bonnie Osborne

$180,458.71 in general fund

Building Activity – Chantel Reyna

Antwerp: 53 permits with fees of $9,160. Almena: 38 permits with fees of $6,024 for the month of September.

Van Buren District Library – Bruce Cutting

Discussion took place under Old Business.

Lawton Fire Department – Bruce Cutting

Paid bills; short meeting.

Paw Paw Fire Department – Daniel Ruzick

Paw Paw Fire has changed banks to Sturgis Bank

Mattawan Fire Department – Bonnie Osborne

No report

Antwerp Senior Services

Cooler discussed.

Cemeteries – Chantel Reyna

Three burials.

Planning Commission

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Zoning Board of Appeals

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Public Comments:

Randy suggested placing proposal information in the newspaper and on the Township website.

Committee for Bills:

Motion by Cutting, second by Tarchala, to approve payment of bills in the amount of $73,946.37. Roll call vote; Tarchala-yes, Ruzick-yes, Reyna-yes, Osborne-yes, Cutting-yes Motion carries.

Adjourn:

Motion by Osborne, second by Reyna, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chantel Reyna

Clerk Review Notes – Remove Before Approval

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