

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 22, 2019 7:00 PM

Township Hall 3031 S. Athey Ave, Clare, MI 48617

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Schunk with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Lamar Gunden, Erma Kleinhardt, Lee Schunk, Anna Sharp, Andrew Verhage.

Items added to agenda: Permission to apply for Rural Development Grant, Acceptance of Clerk Verhage's resignation, Beaverton School Summer Tax Collection Resolution.

- I. **IRS Correspondence Update:** We have received transcripts from the IRS and confirmation of the amount owed in penalties and interest. IRS has declined to approve an abatement for the township. Verhage made a motion to pay the IRS amount due. Gunden seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Gunden -yes, Sharp -yes, Verhage -yes. Motion carried. Supervisor Schunk and Treasurer Sharp will meet with our bonding agent to pursue reimbursement from the bond.
- II. **Approve Disbursements:** May Fire Protection invoice approved, flags for veteran's graves will be inventoried and additional flags ordered if needed. Schunk motioned to sign the contract with Mid-Michigan Pest Control for spring and fall pest spraying at the hall. Seconded by Gunden. Roll Call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Gunden -yes, Sharp -yes, Verhage -yes. Motion carried.
- III. **Fire Protection Survey Results:** At the time the meeting called to order, there were 83 surveys returned to the Board. The count stood at: 30 for Flat Rate Assessment Fire District, 25 for Two-Rate Assessment Fire District, 28 for Millage to pay for fire protection. Only one survey indicated no support for fire protection. Extended public discussion ensued. In deference to the survey results, Verhage motioned for the Board to set a date of May 6, 2019 for a public hearing, to follow the regular board meeting, on creating a Special Fire Assessment District for Arthur Township. Gunden seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Gunden -yes, Sharp -yes, Verhage -yes. Motion carried. The required first class mailing and publication of notice of the meeting to residents will be done this week.
- IV. **Verhage motioned to permit Clerk and Treasurer to apply for a Rural Development Grant** from the state to purchase BSA software for the township. Kleinhardt seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Gunden -yes, Sharp -yes, Verhage -yes. Motion carried.
- V. **Schunk motioned to accept Verhage's resignation as clerk as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019** due to the successful search for a permanent clerk and to retain Verhage as the Deputy Clerk with the permission of the new clerk. Sharp seconded. All "ayes" – motion carried.
- VI. **Sharp motioned to accept and sign Beaverton School's Summer Tax Collection Resolution.** Gunden seconded. All "ayes" – motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Andrew Verhage, Clerk

*Accepted by Board 5/6/19*