

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 4, 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: Erma Kleinhardt, Lee Schunk, Anna Sharp, Andrew Verhage, Jim Walter

AGENDA: Approved as stated.

PUBLIC COMMENT / GUEST SPEAKERS: Mark Fitzpatrick gave an update on County Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes from October 31, 2019 special meeting to re-enact Ordinance Regulating Marijuana Establishments.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Monthly report on all bank account activity and projected general fund balance with current encumbrances. Profit & Loss for October, balance sheet for 10/31/19 and October's journal report were given.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$4,021.52 in general fund payables were presented, which included mileage and reimbursements to clerk, memory card reader for tabulator, phone bill and October board payroll. Sharp motioned for approval for the payments. Schunk seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Walter -yes, Sharp -yes, Verhage -yes. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Sexton** – Memo of Understanding regarding compensation rates for Jeffrey Smith, Sexton, was presented (attached). Motion to approve by Sharp. Schunk seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Walter -yes, Sharp -yes, Verhage -yes. Carried.
- **A second discussion regarding Township debit card** – Board decided to decline to direct Treasurer to obtain a debit card on general fund account, at Treasurer's recommendation.
- **Fire District Contract with Harrison** – Contract language regarding exemption of township residents from paying additional charges for fire runs was discussed, and signing of contract postponed to a special meeting pending clarification and contact with township attorney.
- **Garbage Contract bids** – Two bids were opened, from Republic and from American. After analysis it was decided that the American contract was more economical with similar service. Walter motioned to accept the American bid with pickup to remain on Thursdays. Seconded by Schunk. Roll call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Sharp -yes, Walter -yes, Verhage -yes. Carried.
- **Update on Rural Development Grant application** – application was submitted on our behalf by Pam O'Laughlin last week with letters of support from Hayes Township, Clare County Clerk and Treasurer Offices.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Arthur Center Church use of township garbage bin** – Treasurer was directed to contact the church and deliver their own bin and invoice for the remainder of the year service.
- **Budget Amendments** – adjustments to budget were discussed (attached). Sharp motioned to adopt the changes to the 19-20 budget. Walter seconded. Roll call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Sharp -yes, Walter -yes, Verhage -yes. Carried.

- **Clerk letter of resignation** – Andrew Verhage submitted a letter of resignation as of the end of day December 31, 2019, for personal reasons due to the heavy demands of the position.

PUBLIC COMMENT / GUEST SPEAKERS: Mark Fitzpatrick gave an update on County Commission. Lori Martin, Clare County Clerk, gave a report on new text messaging system for those required to pay fines and restitution as ordered by the court. She announced plans for Election Inspector training in February and late spring and that the Register of Deeds was going to offer on-line information. Veteran's ID cards and Honors Rewards cards will be available soon.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:420 p.m.

Submitted by Andrew Verhage, Clerk