

Antrim Township Monthly Board Meeting

Minutes

April 13, 2023

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Antrim Township Board was held on Thursday April 13 , 2023 at the Antrim Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Jerry Gutting at 7:01pm. Those present were Supervisor Jerry Gutting, Clerk Rita Hooley, Treasurer Kristine Stinson, Trustee Tom Coffey and Trustee Michael Godfrey.

Approval of the Agenda

Godfrey Moved, Stinson seconded to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes

Coffey Moved, Godfrey seconded to approve the Regular Board Minutes from March 16 , 2023 with a correction to the date under ambulance section from 2023 to 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Godfrey moved, Coffey seconded to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes from March 23, 2023 with a correction to the Meeting dates section changing dates to 2023-2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Financial Report

Hooley moved, Godfrey seconded to approve the financial statement as presented by Stinson . All in favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Gerald Novak from Shiawassee Township discussed that his position was that he did not care whether Antrim Township chose to switch fire services if they weren't happy with the service provided and that Antrim needed to do what it saw best for their residents. He presented thoughts of secret meetings taking place between board members of Antrim and Burns Township. He said he has heard every year that Antrim may not want to continue service for the last six years at board meetings. He did not understand why the Antrim Board did not think the Shiawassee Board supported the fire department.

Antrim Board member comments to his discussion: Clerk Rita Hooley assured him that our board did not schedule any secret meetings with Burns and that our board is requesting a quote/potential contract for fire services from Burns Township. Burns Township Fire chief and Supervisor were at our prior regular monthly board meeting discussing this possibility. Antrim Board discussed the comments that were made by Fire Chief Luke at a prior regular Antrim Board meeting where he indicated the lack of support for the Fire department from the Shiawassee board. Antrim discussed the reports that were pulled for response times from multiple jurisdictions fire departments to analyze response time. It was shown on the reports

that Burns Township response time was a faster average to our residents locations compared to Shiawassee Township.

Official Township Business:

Hooley moved, Godfrey seconded to update accounting software to quickbooks online. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Godfrey moved, Hooley seconded to update BS & A tax and software to online. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Hooley moved, Stinson seconded to contract I.T. Right for unlimited IT support services. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Godfrey moved, Hooley seconded to approve renewing insurance with Burham and Flower. Roll call Yes- 5 No=0. Motion Carried.

Hooley moved, Godfrey seconded to utilize \$17,800 of ARPA money for Ambulance services. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Coffey moved to use the remaining funds from ARPA towards the State Road project. There was not second for that motion. Motion denied to move forward.

Burns Township Fire Department:

Assessing:

Planning and Zoning:

Hooley moved, Godfrey seconded to send a letter to Shiawassee Planning in support of the approval for Special Use permit application PSUP23-01 for Dog Kennel. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Township Hall:

Need to get Rob the Bug Guy to service again this year.

Hooley moved, Stinson Seconded to approve the quote of \$9700 from Godfrey Home Improvement to remodel the offices. Roll Call Yes=4 No=1, Godfrey abstained from voting. Motion was carried.

MTA : 8 Townships were present. There was discussion on the additional work placed on clerks for absentee ballot processing and there is a need to come up with a way to compensate them for the additional time.

Fire:

Ambulance:

Coffey moved, Hooley seconded to move forward with hearings for the special assessment for Ambulance services for \$110 per household beginning January 1, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Cemetery:

The board would like to send a thank you letter to Linda Wright for donating the land added onto Glass River Cemetery.

Roads:

Coffey moved, Godfrey seconded to sign all of the Road contracts with Shiawassee County Road Commission. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:**Miscellaneous:****Payment of the Bills:**

Stinson moved, Coffey seconded to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,836.33 for all funds. Roll Call Yes 5 no 0. Motion Carried.

List of bills attached to last page of minutes.

Board Member Comments

Hooley moved, Stinson seconded to have Lori Godfrey become a Notary for the Township. All in favor. Motion Carried..

Adjournment:

Coffey moved, Godfrey seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

Sincerely

Rita Hooley

Antrim Township Clerk