ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MINTUES April 28, 2025

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: Present – E Renckly, R Cole, M Frederick, G James, N Schmidt

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Frederick to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting & April 14 Special Board Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence: Available to view.

Budget Adjustments:
Motion by Renckly, seconded by James to approve the budget adjustments. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentation of Bills:
Motion by Frederick, seconded by Cole to approve the presentation of bills. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:
-Began at 7:02 p.m.
Comment regarding weed control for Lobdell Lake. Association representative stated assessment is well- funded. Lake survey will be conducted in May & will determine the schedule.

Lobdell Lake Association representative requested paperwork outlining the assessment district for betterment of Lobdell Lake.

Members of Citizen's Advisory Committee presented their recommendations regarding funding the Police Department.

Resident questioned whether there was an official quote requested from the Genesee County Sherriff's Office for law enforcement services in Argentine Township.

Resident questioned whether there was an update from the Drain Commission regarding Hilltop Road. In addition, the resident requested an update on repairs needed to Peninsular Drive.
-Concluded at 7:24 p.m.

Consent Agenda:
Treasurer Frederick requested Police & Fire Departments' reports be removed from the consent agenda.
Motion by Cole, seconded by Schmidt to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer Frederick requested clarification on the purchase of ballistic shields & grant funding related to the purchase. At this time, there is not an official request to purchase the shields, as Chief Allen is awaiting a quote. Chief Allen discussed grants for which the department is currently applying.

Treasurer Frederick requested information on the quotes to purchase Fire Department uniforms. Chief Kurtz asked for board approval to purchase the uniforms from Rehman & Sons, located in Chesaning, MI.
Motion by Cole, seconded by James to purchase uniforms from Rehman & Sons, not to exceed $3,000. Motion passed 5-0.

Captain Kurtz has made necessary changes to the Cost Recovery Ordinance & is seeking board approval to implement the updated ordinance.
Motion by James, seconded by Schmidt to approve changes to & implementation of the Cost Recovery Ordinance. Clerk James & Attorney Lattie will approve all correspondence before the Fire Department sends it out. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Kurtz requested approval to purchase 5 Scott air packs for the Fire Department. Currently, there are only 2 spare packs available for fire fighters.
Motion by Frederick, seconded by Cole to approve the purchase of 5 new air packs, totaling $57,050. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Kurtz presented quotes to purchase a new shed for storage behind the Fire Department.
Motion by Cole, seconded by Frederick to approve the purchase of a shed, totaling no more than $4,000. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business:
Supervisor Cole updated the status of agreement for chloride/ brine applications on township roads. The price changed from $450 to $464/ mile. First application- beginning of May. Second application- end of June.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Frederick to approve two brine applications at 2,000 gal/ mile approx. 5 weeks apart. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion on 11224 Seymour Road- court order for demolition.
Motion by James, seconded by Renckly to accept an amended bid for demolition services from Royalty, to reflect status of standing structures present on the property as of 12:00 a.m., May 17th. Updated bid to be reviewed by Clerk James & Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Brooks. Quote not to exceed $15,500. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:
Tom Brooks has requested installation of a camera inside the Code Enforcement/ Building Inspection Office.
Motion made by James, seconded by Cole to accept the bid from Foster Camera Solutions, for $375, to install a camera in the Code Enforcement/ Building Department office. Motion passed 5-0.

Chaiman of Lobdell Lake Association sent a letter to Supervisor Cole requesting a survey of the parcel of land across Silver Lake Road from the Township Hall & a letter be written to the owner of the store at the corner of Silver Lake Road & S. Seymour for the purpose of confirming ownership of the land where the docks are placed. Motion tabled.

Supervisor Cole discussed a proposed road improvement project from the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) on Hogan Road (from Silver Lake Rd, south to Lobdell Rd), in Fenton Township.
Mr. Cole offered Argentine Township's allocation of 50/50 funds to Fenton Township for the project in the amount of $54,997.61.
Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Cole to allow $54,997.61 of Argentine Township 50/50 money to be used by Fenton Township. In addition, Attorney Lattie will draft a letter to Fenton Township & GCRC explaining this does not set a precedent for future projects using 50/50 funds. Motion passed 3-2.

Argentine Township Assessors' Office has requested additional funds to cover scanning large documents at Flushing Township.
Motion made by Cole, seconded by Frederick to approve an additional $500 in the current budget cycle to be paid to Flushing Township for scanning large documents. In addition, funds will be made available in next year's budget to complete the scanning project. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion on updating 3 ordinances concerning blight, junk vehicles & signs. Trustee Renckly requested approval to allow Wade Trim to update the ordinances. Attorney Lattie suggested he could research & advise on updating the ordinances.
Motion made by Cole, seconded by Schmidt to allow Attorney Lattie to work on the updates before hiring an outside firm. Roll call: Frederick- yes, Cole- yes, Renckly- no, Schmidt- yes, James- no. Motion passed 3-2.

Discussion on contract with Wade Trim to work with the Planning Commission to update Zoning Ordinances.
Motion by Renckly, seconded by Frederick to allow Clerk James to sign the Zoning Ordinance Update Agreement with Wade Trim, at a cost of $24,500. The funds will be paid using the MSHDA grant secured by Trustee Renckly. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk James wrote a letter of support for Surf Internet's grant application. The company is seeking to bring internet access to underserved & rural areas, including Argentine Township.

Discussion on sale of Rescue 18.
Motion made by Frederick, seconded by Cole to rescind the bid for Fire Rescue 18, at a minimum of $6,000 & accept the new bid in the amount of $5,500. Motion passed 5-0.

Argentine Township received bids for cleaning services for the Township Hall, Fire Department & Police Department.
Motion by James, seconded by Cole to execute a new contract with All That & More Cleaning in the amount of $680/ month. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:
-Began at 8:33 p.m.
Resident spoke regarding the Citizen's Advisory Committee & stated the committee members were placed in an impossible & unfair position. The one thing made clear through the committee meetings is that residents want to keep the Police Department. In addition, it was stated the township should continue to fund the department.

Resident questioned Supervisor Cole allowing Fenton Township to use Argentine Township's 50/50 money.
-Concluded at 8:38 p.m.

Business from Board Members:

Trustee Schmidt questioned the total amount of 50/50 money for the Fenton Township-Hogan Road project. Supervisor Cole stated the amount previously voted on was correct ($54,997.61).

Treasurer Frederick discussed the annual ARPA report & the fact there may be allocated funds that have yet to be expended. In addition, the Fire Department needs a place to dock their boat for the season. A special use permit will likely be needed. Finally, the current garbage contract expires at the end of 2025 & its time to start working on securing bids for garbage services, as we need to know what our costs will be before Special Assessment Hearings in August.

Clerk James made a correction to the list of holidays on which township offices will be closed. Good Friday is to be added to the list. In addition, the need to retain Leslie Renckly as an independent consultant for specific upcoming projects & assistance with administrative duties was discussed.

Supervisor Cole announced Metropolitan Recycling will take place May 13th, June 10th, July 15th & August 12th. It takes place at the old farmer's market. Thank you to the board for allowing members to attend the MTA Conference in Grand Rapids. The Legislative Dinner is May 15th at Forest Township Hall. The cost is $20 per board member. Lastly, the GCRC Spring & Summer Maintenance Schedule will be available at the Township Hall offices, for ditching, grading, etc.

Meeting adjourned: 8:44
Respectfully Submitted
Leslie Renckly
Deputy Clerk

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Robert Cole, Supervisor Gwynne James, Clerk