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**ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES May 20, 2019 7 PM**

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

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Supervisor Schunk with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Anna Sharp, Lamar Gunden, Lee Schunk, Brenda Poet, Erma Kleinhardt present.

**Guest Speaker Laura Genovich, attorney from Foster Swift Collins & Smith of Grand Rapids.**

- Arthur Township has retained Ms. Genovich to represent the township regarding the creation of a fire district and for other legal issues that concern township business. She is a specialist in township law and has worked on the creation of many special districts. It is her recommendation that the township proceed to create a special fire district under PA33. She will advise the township board on passing a resolution and the requirements for public notice and hearings and will also work with the Harrison Fire Department to create a new five year draft contract.
- The changes to the law under PA33 require the assessment for a fire district to be made on the taxable property of the area of the district (excepting properties with exemption from property tax).

**Motion to adopt the recommendation of Ms. Genovich to proceed to create a fire district under Michigan Public Act 33 was made by Anna Sharp.** Gunden seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt –yes, Schunk – yes, Gunden – yes, Sharp – yes, Poet – yes. Motion carried.

**Opportunity was given for public comment.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.m.**

**Submitted by Brenda Poet, Clerk**