

**ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 7, 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:** Added discussion of applying for grants, pro-rating garbage charges for new residents

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 3, 2019 regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes from September 17, 2019 special meeting to appoint new trustee were approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Monthly report on all bank account activity and projected general fund balance with current encumbrances. Profit & Loss for September and year-to-date, balance sheet for 9/30/19 and September's journal report were given.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** \$6,325.44 in general fund payables were presented, which included paying the a new Foster-Swift billing and August/September board payroll. Verhage motioned for approval for the payments. Sharp seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Walter -yes, Sharp -yes, Verhage -yes. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Note was made of receipt of notice from the county on the E-911 Plan hearing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Sexton** – Schunk motioned to hire Jeffrey Smith as sexton on an hourly basis at \$12/hour, with additional fees for services to be negotiated. Sharp seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Walter -yes, Sharp -yes, Verhage -yes. Carried.
- **Tentative Fire District Contract with Harrison** – Schunk to contact attorney about portion of contract dealing with the department charging for runs.
- **Sexton** – Jeffery Smith spoke with board re possibility of his taking on sexton role.
- **Update on garbage bids** – still waiting final bid from Republic. Sharp motioned that the township start charging a pro-rated fee for new residential customer pickups for the portion of the year they will receive garbage collection after garbage assessments had already been collected. Seconded by Walter. Roll call: Kleinhardt -yes, Schunk -yes, Sharp -yes, Walter -yes, Verhage -yes. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Election Commission** to meet immediately after Board meeting to appoint election inspectors.
- **Preliminary election testing** on Oct 11, 1 p.m., and Public testing on Oct 15, 1 p.m.
- **County Road Commission** – no response yet on offer to cover culvert replacement.
- **Mid-Michigan Development grant** – Schunk motioned to approve township applying for a grant to obtain BSA software and new computers. Verhage seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opportunity was given for public comment.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 p.m.**

**Submitted by Andrew Verhage, Clerk**