

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

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December 10, 2019 2 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bednorek with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Matt Bednorek, Jim Walter, Anna Sharp, Andrew Verhage present. (Kleinhardt resigned as of December 4th.)

Also in attendance: Kurt Krug, Jim Griffor, Pam O'Laughlin.

BRIEF DISCUSSION ON NUMBER APPOINTED TO Planning Commission, Board of Review, Board of Appeals – possibility that the number appointed could be changed. No action taken.

WORKED WITH PAM O'LAUGHLIN TO BEGIN GRANT APPLICATION

Must submit a detailed budget for what are requesting and tie it back to the impact the project will make in addressing the needs/struggles of the township. Possibilities were discussed, Griffore suggested that hall foundation issues can be resolved separately from the grant. Could apply for upgrades to the building to support elections, preserve historical integrity of the building and records.

Public safety issues resulting from poor condition of the roads will need to be assessed by the Planning Commission and the township will need to create a long-term plan, working with the Road Commission. This large issue cannot be submitted with the current grant application deadline.

Items for grant request:

- Software & technology: BSA modules, server, IT service, training, new computers & software, new printer, copier and shredder
- Whole-house generator for township hall, to allow township to work with county emergency planning to support emergency shelter initiatives and ensure elections regardless of weather

If the remaining BSA modules are acquired (general ledger/cemetery, accounts payable, payroll) the annual service charges will need to be added to township budget. This will probably only add about \$500 to the costs currently being paid for Quickbooks.

Estimates will be forwarded to Pam who will assist board in writing the grant.

Sharp motioned to direct the board to apply for the Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships grant. Walter seconded. Roll Call: Bednorek –yes, Walter –yes, Sharp –yes, Verhage –yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED at 3:58 p.m.

Submitted by Andrew Verhage, Clerk