

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2025
Valerie Schultz, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held January 9, 2025 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Austin McLellan. PRESENT: Supervisor Austin McLellan, Clerk Valerie Schultz, Trustee Nancy Herpolsheimer and Trustee Bill Winslow. Absent: Treasurer Pam Mason. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Gildner and the public per the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of Allegiance

ACCEPT AGENDA:

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to accept the agenda as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

REVIEW MINUTES:

The minutes of December 12, 2024 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections, or deletions;

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the December 12, 2024 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Concerned Attica resident.

Supervisor McLellan discussed the letter and informed the Board that he contacted the home owner regarding the concerns. Supervisor McLellan expressed that there is no concern or warrant to the letter, the home owner does have the deed with the restrictions. The home owner was present during the meeting and presented the Board with the deed which was recorded with the county March 14, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Supervisor McLellan presented the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$397,489.46 receipts of \$26,311.87; interest of \$306.57; Distributions of \$60,491.55 for a New Balance of \$363,616.35 General Fund; CDARS savings account has \$220,873.72; General Fund ICS has \$285,726.49; Public Safety has \$42,223.44; Public Safety ICS has \$5,115.47; Fire Millage has \$154,334.72; Fire Millage CDARS savings account has \$55,218.62; Fire Millage ICS has \$1,064.46; Fire Equipment Millage has \$38,789.75; Fire Escrow has \$2,691.56; Deposited Escrow has \$25,352.04; Covid Funds -\$47,845.71.

MOTION by Schultz, seconded by Winslow, to approve the Treasurer's Report as PRESENTED. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason) **MOTION CARRIED.**

POLICE REPORT:

Deputy Ross gave the following police report: there were 120 calls received in the month of December, with 81 of the calls handled by Township deputies.

Deputy Ross informed the Board and the public that the vehicle break-ins are still occurring and reminded all to remove all valuable from their vehicles and lock everything up.

PUBLIC TIME:

1. Resident Chuck Herpolsheimer - 2710 Winslow Rd. Herpolsheimer prayed for the Board, Fire Department, Police and Attica Township.
2. Resident Cindy Goerlitz - 4775 Northway Drive. Goerlitz asked for a vacation check while she is out of town.
She again expressed her concerns for the disc golf causing issues for Attica Days. Mrs. Goerlitz stated that according to the map of the disc golf that there are multiple conflicts with where certain things are placed during Attica Days. Supervisor McLellan reassured Mrs. Goerlitz that he is aware and has planned to walk the course this spring, discuss any issues with the Masons to see if there are any options. Supervisor McLellan also stated that any disc golf baskets that are a conflict can be taped/staked off or possibly moved.
3. Resident Phil Foley – 4687 Attica Rd. Mr. Foley stated that Attica has the best park in the county and presented the Board with three suggestions to help and improve it.
 1. To make a list of small jobs that need to be done around the park i.e. clean up, small fix ups etc. and provide it to the Eagle Scouts.
 2. Replace the trees that have been cut down by offering to the public to plant a memorial tree with a memory plaque. Have a tree service come to plant the tree and place the plaque.
 3. Replace the chain link fence that is between back path and the back field. Suggested to plant a row of wild flowers. He presented the Board with wild flower seed suppliers.
4. Fox Parton of Arcadia Township. Mr. Parton presented the Board with information on updating our current website. He informed the Board that after examining our website he found multiple issues such as being outdated, not user friendly for users that are vision impaired, not mobile friendly and that the website is no longer a safe website. He provided information on the services that he offers, how he could improve the website and pricing.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MTA Conference:

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by Schultz, to authorize Board Members, Deputies, and Department Heads to attend the Michigan Township Association Conference held March 31st – April 3rd at the Amway Grand Plaza and DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. Attica Township will pay all expenses related to attendance. Spouses or other guests may attend; however, all costs associated with their attendance must be reimbursed to Attica Township. A conference report is required from all Township employees attending. A roll call vote was taken. McLellan: Aye; Winslow: Aye; Schultz: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason) **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. News Letter:

All department heads to have their news letter in to Jim Mason by February 14, 2025.

3. Resolution #2025 – 01: Poverty Exemption Guidelines

MOTION by Schultz, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to adopt Resolution #2025-01 Adoption of Poverty Exemption Guidelines. (attached) A roll call vote was taken. Herpolsheimer: Aye; McLellan: Aye; Schultz: Aye; Winslow: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Board of Review Appointments:

There was discussion.

MOTION by Schultz, seconded by Winslow, to appoint J.R. Lomerson to the Board of Review for two-year term, expiring December 31, 2025. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments:

There was discussion.

MOTION by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Winslow, to appoint Matt Gingell to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remaining term of the late Elaine Thayer. Term expires March 31, 2027. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Construction Code Authority Appointments:

There was discussion.

MOTION by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Schultz, to appoint Bill Winslow to the Construction Code Authority for a four-year term expiring in November 2028. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Noon Fire Whistle:

Supervisor McLellan informed the Board that there have been residents who have expressed their thoughts on the Noon Fire Whistle. The Noon Fire Whistle was put to a stop years ago. They stated that it is missed and would like for it to be reinstated.

McLellan expressed to the Board that he agrees and would like to see the Noon Whistle return.

There was discussion between the Board and Fire Chief Warford.

MOTION by Schultz, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the Noon Fire Whistle daily for thirty seconds. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE: Chief Warford reported that there were 5 calls in December and all were structure fires. He informed the Board that the department is in need of new and updated Ice Rescue Suits. Warford gave an update on the new fire truck, it is on track for the end of January delivery.
2. PARK: Park Manager Mason stated that the park is down to one porta john.

3. PLANNING and ZONING: Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator Fackler presented the Board with the 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report and 2025 Meeting Dates.

MOTION by Schultz, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to accept the 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report. A vote was taken.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner updated the Board regarding the Vasbinder case. Vasbinder is appealing and will have an upcoming court date to either make a final decision or the Judge may ask for certain members to come in for oral argument. Gildner provided an update on the Owen case, this will be presented to Judge Nolin and Judge Nolin should grant the Owen's their claim due to judgement by default. The Township followed Gildner's advice and did not file against the Owen's.
5. AMBULANCE: There were 29 calls received in the month of December, with 27 of the calls handled by LCEMS and 2 by MedStar.
6. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Wise was not present this evening but he provided the Board with a report that Supervisor McLellan presented to the Board.
7. BOARD: Dumpster Day is scheduled for May 17, 2025 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PUBLIC TIME: None.

REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$47,862.15 (check #25522 through check #25583) the Fire Fund for the amount of \$9,817.75 (check #7202 through check #7231) Public Safety for the amount of \$20,557.80 (check #1325) for a total of \$78,237.70

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$78,237.70. A roll call vote was taken. Herpolsheimer: Aye; Winslow: Aye; McLellan: Aye; Schultz: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason)
MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Winslow, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One. (Mason). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Valerie Schutzl, Clerk

Giovanna Raimondo, Deputy Clerk