

Arlington Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Phillippe, Pitts, Pugsley, DeLeo, and Melvin.

The minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting were read. Motion by Pitts supported by Melvin to accept the minutes as read. Motion Carried

Police Report-- a brief police report was given.

Fire Report-- Lawrence-- There were (2) calls in the township. The department is working on the lighting inside the truck area. A joint meeting between the township board and the Lawrence township board will be scheduled around July.

Bangor-- There will be a budget meeting with the Fire Board and the participating townships and City on Wednesday March 22, 2017. Arlington will see an increase in their share of the proposed budget of roughly \$11,000.00. The department has been working on a new Fire Policy Book.

Supervisor Report-- Based on recent Road Tour with the Road Commission the Township Board will do approximately 2 miles of Seal Coating, 2500 yards of new gravel, and keep Boom Mowing at \$2500.00 this year. A Clean-up of the Paw Paw River is being proposed.

Commissioner Report-- A new 8 million dollar expansion will soon be underway at the Skill Center in Lawrence. This will be a joint venture between Van Buren and Cass County Health departments. The County would like to greatly expand the Court House in both Paw Paw and South Haven. A ballot proposal will be on the May election to fund the expansion. Due to construction at the Sheriff Department, patrol cars will use gas cards to fuel up. Palisades Power Plant in covert will be closing early according to its current owner, Entergy.

Senior Report-- The Board received a very favorable Audit Report.

Assessor Report-- Hal reported that Board of Review would be held on the 13th and 17th of March.

Planning Commission Report-- Jim furnished the Board with a brief update on revising our Township Master Plan. They will also send Board members to an upcoming seminar on Medical Marijuana production.

Ordinance Officer Report-- John commented on several blight issues and upcoming court cases.

Clerk Report-- Will reported that a decision has been made on purchasing new Voting Machines. They should be available by the November Election. There will be an election on May 2, 2017 to vote on the Court House Expansion Funding.

Treasurer's Report-- Phil made a motion to adopt the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$223,700.00 supported by Deleo. Roll call vote of all members in the affirmative. Motion Carried.

Phil presented the Board with Budget Amendment #4 for the 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$655.41. Motion by Melving supported by Pugsley to adopt the amendment. All members voting in the affirmative the motion was passed.

Motion by Pitts supported by Pugsley to pay the bills presented plus the bill for the custodian and Par Plan insurance when they arrive so as to be shown in the 2016-2017 budget year. All members voting in the affirmative the motion was passed.

Transfer Station-- A quote for a new fence around the transfer station will be obtained before the next meeting.

The meeting was adourned at 8:55 p.m. Minutes taken by William Pugsley, Clerk