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Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Board of Trustee Meeting

Pledge: Was recited at 07:01p.m.

Roll Call of Officers: Trustee Georgette Peterson, Trustee Ted Swanson, Clerk Douglas De Leo, Treasurer Phillip Pitts, Supervisor Michael Koshar. All present.

Approval/Changes of Agenda: A motion by Trustee Peterson, supported by Trustee Ted Swanson to add the recommendation from the Planning Commission concerning Pelican Farms under new business. Roll Call: De Leo, Pitts, Peterson, Swanson, Koshar, Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes of January meeting: Minutes were approved as mailed out. Roll call: Swanson, Pitts, Peterson, De Leo, Koshar. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Law Enforcement Report: Jason Brush of the Van Buren Country Sheriff Department, reported there were 44 calls in Arlington Township for the month of January. His full report is on file. Sheriff's department will do property checks for citizens of Van Buren. Go to Van Buren Sheriff Department website and fill out application, no charge for this service.

Fire Department, ABB Fire Department's chief Babcock reported there were 48 calls with 12 in Arlington Township. Ice rescue training was conducted at a private pond. Instructors came down from the U.P. to instruct the correct way for ice emergencies.

Lawrence Department Chief Mike Anchor reported calls are up about 15 from last year. Department is considering the purchase of a grass fire rig. Current rig is about 20 years old.

Ambulance Report: Pride Care had 12 calls in Arlington Township.

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Commissioner Report: County Commissioner Kurt Doroh reported that the county courts have new electronic arraignment rooms. This makes a much safer and quicker way to arraign people. Kyle Hannenberg was appointed to the Van Buren County Road Commission.

Road Commission Report: Greg Kinney reported the new Chairperson for the road commissioner is Douglas Burleson.

Senior Services Report: Douglas De Leo reported that SS is still closed and only home delivered meals are available. Senior Services is moving ahead with the remodeling of the former Village Market building in South Haven.

Board of Review: Hal Manning reported that assessment notices will be mailed out soon. Board of Review will be: Organizational meeting, Tuesday 03/02/2021 at 9:00a.m. Appeals will be heard on Monday 03/08 and Friday 03/12. Call Assessor Manning for an appointment at 269 637-0421

Planning Commission Report: Trustee and Planning Commission member Georgette Peterson announced the next meeting will be March 03. Recap of meeting on February 03/2021 is attached.

Township Attorney Report: none

Enforcement Officer/Zoning Report: John O'Connell reported Purple Valley Farm has drive way permit from the County Road Department. He was contacted by a private party on the possibility of starting a wedding barn, restaurant, yoga rooms on a farm that is currently on the market.

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Clerk's Report: Clerk De Leo has been updating QVF Bureau of Elections files. Filing death notices that are mailed to township from Van Buren County.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Koshar has been fielding lots of calls for information on marijuana operations, snow plowing and township business.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pitts is pleased that tax collection is going so well. He will be at the hall on March 1/2021 to collect taxes before turning over delinquent unpaid tax roll to the county. Treasurer Pitts gave financial report of township as Beginning balance of \$193,415.78, Receipts of \$18,304.90, Disbursements of \$35,515.32 leaving an ending balance of \$176,205.36. A motion to pay all expenses was made by Trustee Peterson, with support from Trustee Swanson: Roll Call, Supervisor Koshar, yes, Clerk De Leo, yes, Treasurer Pitts, yes. Trustee Peterson, yes, Trustee Swanson, yes. Motion carried. Treasurer Pitts reported on the purchase of the new printer and service contract. The cost of the printer is \$2495.00 and the service contract is \$90.00 a quarter. Motion by Pitts to purchase Kyocera Printer at the price of \$2495.00, supported by Trustee Peterson. Roll Call: De Leo, yes, Pitts, yes, Peterson, yes. Swanson, yes. Koshar, yes. Motion carried. Motion by Pitts to purchase service contract for \$90.00 a quarter, supported by Trustee Peterson. Roll call: Peterson, yes, Swanson, yes, De Leo, yes. Koshar, yes, Pitts, yes. Motion carried. Treasurer Pitts reported on yard lights not working and has contacted Midday Electric to service lights.

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New Business: A budget workshop was held on February 06/2021 and a copy of tentative budget will be attached to the minutes and is on the web page. Tentative revenue will be \$712,950, with expenses of \$712,950. This is a balanced budget.

All-n-One Construction has completed the construction on Public Safety Building and is just waiting on Consumers Power Company to finish connecting the electric service. As soon as final inspection and occupancy permit is issued final payment will be made.

Recommendation from Assessor Hal Manning: Need a resolution to waive penalties for non-filing of property transfer under MCL 211.278 A motion by Treasurer Pitts, support by Trustee Swanson to adopt resolution. Roll Call, Pitts, yes, De Leo, yes, Swanson, yes. Koshar, yes, Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

A resolution by Treasurer Pitts, supported by Trustee Peterson to "Allow local residents to protest to Board of Review in Writing. Roll Call: Pitts, yes, De Leo, yes, Koshar, yes. Peterson, yes, Swanson, yes, motion carried.

A resolution by Treasurer Pitts to adopt the Poverty Guide Lines for property tax exclusion of payments. Supported by trustee Peterson, roll call: De Leo, yes, Peterson, yes, Swanson, yes, Koshar, yes, Pitts, yes. Motion carried.

Recommendation from Hal Manning to increase the Arlington Township division and property line adjustment fees to \$200 with the land Division administrator receiving \$150.00 and the balance to the Township. Motion to adopt Township

division and property line adjustment, supported by Trustee Swanson. Roll call, Koshar, yes, Pitts, yes, De Leo, yes, Swanson, yes, Peterson, yes. Motion Carried.

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New Business: Treasurer Pitts put forth a recommendation to nominate Donna Romack to become an alternate member of the Board of Review with a per diem of \$200.00 yearly. Support by Trustee Swanson, roll call: Peterson, yes, De Leo, yes, Pitts, yes, Koshar, yes, Swanson, yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Recommendation: The SUP renewal request of Pelican Farms LLC, 24957 CR 215 Bangor MI, 49013 was denied by the Planning Commission on due diligence issues of not starting clean up and construction for 18 months. Motion to deny by Trustee Peterson, supported by Treasurer Pitts, roll call: De Leo, yes, Pitts, yes, Peterson, yes, Koshar, yes, Swanson, yes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Recommendation: Treasurer Pitts made a motion “Adopt the PC findings of fact and approve the expanded use (additional Licenses) for use on the CR 215 parcel only and deny the revised site plan thereby limiting grow operations to the CR 215 property at this time”. Support Trustee Peterson. Roll call: De Leo, no, Peterson, no, Swanson, no, Koshar, no, Pitts, yes, motion failed. Motion by Trustee Peterson, to hold a special meeting on Wednesday 02/24/2021 at 7:00p.m. to allow discussion and fact finding by Attorney Knotek concerning Dragonfly Kitchen II proposal. Support by Trustee Swanson. Roll call: Pitts, yes, Peterson, yes, Swanson, yes. De Leo, yes, Koshar, yes. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Recommendation: 50405 28th ave. (50405 28th Ave. Bangor MI 49013) is requesting a SUP renewal and additional 6 licenses. Motion by Trustee Peterson, supported by Treasurer Pitts to approve recommendation of

planning commission. Roll call: De Leo, no, Peterson, yes, Pitts, yes, Koshar, yes. Swanson, yes. Motion carried.

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Planning Commission Recommendation: 52981 28th Ave. (Grow Arlington LLC) is requesting a renewal on their SUP. Motion by: Treasurer Pitts supported by Trustee Swanson to approve SUP for 52981 28th Ave. Roll call: De Leo, no, Pitts, yes, Swanson, yes. Koshar, yes, Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: The Arlington Township Board of Trustee Swanson made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Derek Babcock from the planning commission to be effective on February 28,2021. Support by Trustee Peterson. Roll call: Peterson, yes, Swanson, yes. Pitts, yes, De Leo, yes, Koshar, yes. Motion carried.

The township will advertise for planning commission members and board of review members.

Any news that should be added to the email blast should be directed to Trustee Georgette Peterson. trusteegp@arlingtontownship.com

Several grower's comments on the marijuana licenses not available to smaller operators do to the fact that large growers have them all bought up.

Adjournment: Supervisor Koshar ended the meeting at 9:15p.m.