

Mike Koshar, Supervisor
Douglas De Leo, Clerk
Darcy Miller, Treasurer

Arlington Township
Van Buren County, MI.
52022 34th Ave.
Bangor MI 49013

Georgette Peterson, Trustee
Ted Swanson, Trustee

June 16, 2021
Minutes of Meeting starting at 7:00p.m.

Call to Order: Supervisor Michael Koshar

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Supervisor Koshar

Roll Call: De Leo, Koshar, Peterson, Swanson, Pitts, all present.

Treasurer's Position: Trustee Swanson made a motion to appoint Darcy Miller (50575 24th Ave, Grand Junction MI 49056) to the vacant treasurer position.

Trustee Peterson supports. Roll Call: De Leo, yes. Peterson, yes. Swanson, yes. Koshar, yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Miller appointed Phillip Pitts deputy treasurer. Both Treasurer Miller and deputy treasurer Pitts were sworn in by Clerk De Leo.

Approve/Changes to Agenda: Minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting. Motion by Trustee Peterson to accept the minutes with one correction. Support Trustee Swanson.

Motion carried. Minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting. Motion by Trustee Swanson with the correction (lead should be led and my should be by) support by Treasurer Miller. Motion approved.

Agenda addition: Special use permit for Smith Gravel Pit.

Proclamation signed by Representative Beth Griffin, Senator Aric Nesbitt, Governor Whitmer was presented to retiring Treasurer Phillip Pitts for his dedicated years of service.

Public Comment: Planning Commission member Joe Wooding was seeking information on the preliminary hearing on June 8, 2021. How many law suits is Arlington Township currently involved in? What roads will be resurfaced for 2021 and the MARS ratings must be checked yearly so we don't get behind on Road

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maintenance. Attorney Graham reported that Arlington's Insurance Carrier is actually handling the complaint and nothing has happened at this time. No other suits or complaints have been filed. Supervisor Koshar is up to date with the road commission and several projects are in the works to be evaluated for repair or rebuilding.

Lorrain Crandall questioned the dust control and who is doing it?

The private company of Southwestern Michigan Dust Control out of Bloomingdale will be applying the chemical to the roads and is behind at this time.

Mike Pavel who lives in Scott Lake Shores is concerned about home owners renting out their property for short term use. This has been creating lots of problems with noise, traffic and late night parties.

Frank Bell, president of the Scott Lake Home Owners Association made a request for the use of golf carts on the roads in the association district.

Law Enforcement Report: Our deputy will be here two days a week (Tuesdays and Fridays) He has noticed that speed is a problem on our roads. Treasurer Miller made a motion to purchase a camera up to \$200.00 to help him record his calls to residents. Support by Trustee Peterson. Motion Carried.

Fire Department: Chief Babcock reported on 42 calls for the department for the month of May with 6 in Arlington. There has been 35 more calls year to date then last year. Circus will be in Bangor on Friday the 25 and fireworks will be held at the Bangor High School athletic field on the 4th of July.

Lawrence Fire Department: no report

Ambulance Report: Eight calls for the month of May.

Commissioner's Report: Community panel for the closing and clean-up of the Entergy Nuclear Power Plant has been formed and will be proceeding with community updates. No more victims' advocates dog allowed in the Court Rooms.

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Any veterans who need a ride to the Federal Center in Battle Creek should call 269 302 0237 to schedule a free ride.

Road Commissioner' Report: Greg Kinney commented that road side mowing has been going on as scheduled. Hot mix patching and preparing for seal coat is being done at this time. Roads that are being reconstructed are either started or will be soon.

Senior Services: Treasurer of Senior Services of Van Buren County De Leo, reported that S.S. is in the process of reopening. Services will be provided on a need basis until the requirements of the State of Michigan are lifted.

Board of Review: Township Assessor Hal Manning will retire July 30, 2021. The Township will be searching for a new assessor.

Planning Commission: Trustee and Secretary of the Planning Commission Peterson reported on the P.C. recommendation to approve the Special Use Permit for Smith Gravel Pit, on CR 215. Green Standard Operation has been tabled until next month (July). A public hearing on the Planned Unit Development for the previous Apple Ridge Farm is scheduled for June 30, 2021 at 6:00p.m.

Township Attorney: Scott Graham handed out the draft form for a new marijuana business ordinance to the board and is looking for suggestions and ideas. It will be posted on the web site.

Enforcement/Zoning Officer: John O'Connell left before giving his report.

Zoning Board of Appeals: no report as no actual board.

Clerk's Report: Lawrence School will be holding an election on August 3, 2021.

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Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Koshar has taken many dust complaints and is passing them on to the Road Commission. He has been working feverishly on correcting the huge mess with the marijuana files and licensing concerns.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Miller reported on the Beginning Balance of \$225,819.06, Monthly Receipts of \$110,095.44, Monthly Expenses of \$77,795.73, leaving an ending balance of \$258,118.77. Treasurer will be contacting all vendors with correct name and address for new treasurer.

Marijuana Administrator: Sandy Aernie is working with Supervisor Koshar and has cleaned up many of our license concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

After much discussion the officer manager position will be filled.

Barb Alden will be the new employee and her start date will be July 1, 2021.

Legal Counsel: RFP. The township has received three proposals for legal counsel. Clerk De Leo, made a motion to forgo interviewing and hire Attorney Scott Graham, PLLC 1911 West Centre Avenue, Suite C Portage, Michigan 49024. Support by Trustee Swanson. Some comments were: Scott has been a real asset to the Township. Been very good to talk with. Responds quickly to all questions. Finally, an attorney who is interested in the concerns of Arlington Township and not of his self. Roll Call: Swanson, yes. Peterson, yes. De Leo, yes. Miller, yes. Koshar, yes.

North Coast Inn PUD, will be held June 30, 2021 at 6:00p.m.

Planning Commission: We are at the seven-member limit and still would accept any citizens offer to serve and they could be appointed alternates. Donna Bell of 46608 Broadway St Bloomingdale, MI 49026 and Rick Leland are the two new members.

Z.B.A. report: no member for this committee.

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Marijuana Review committee: On our attorney's advice this committee will not be included in the new marijuana ordinance.

E-Mail Blast: Please forward any Township updates or public information to Trustee Peterson.

New I.T.: New computers and a network have been purchased. Just waiting for all components to be shipped to installer. File cabinets, locking mail box, document shedder has been ordered.

Public Service Building: Final payment will be made. Trustee Swanson is still not completely satisfied with the way doors open and close. All In-1 will receive completion form from Township.

New Business:

Township Complaint was received from Chuck and Cheryl Dunkin and our Attorney will be reviewing and offering suggestions.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to approve Smith Gravel Pit for one year was made by Trustee Swanson, support by Treasurer Miller. Motion carried.

ORC ordinance: Was tabled until next month for further review.

Golf Cart Ordinance: Scott Shores Association President Frank Bell has requested the ordinance for the roads in the association's jurisdiction. Motion by Trustee Peterson to approve the ordinance for the use of golf carts in the association. Support by Treasurer Miller. Roll Call: De Leo, yes. Peterson, yes. Koshar, yes. Miller, yes. Swanson, yes. Motion passed.

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Board Rules Document: A proposal for board rules was discussed. Motion by Trustee Swanson, supported by Trustee Peterson to adopt the rules. Roll call vote: Peterson, yes. De Leo, yes. Swanson, yes. Miller, yes, Koshar, yes.

Public Comment: Jason Balugh from Green Mitten commented on the Township ordinance concerning number of license that will be sold by township. He feels that township is limiting the number and if Green Mitten knew this they would have located elsewhere. He feels like large companies are hoarding licenses. Kyle Holland feels township needs to notify when meeting is being scheduled concerning marijuana business.

Adjournment: 10:10p.m.

Submitted by

Douglas De Leo, Clerk of Arlington Township