

Arlington Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019

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

Motion by Pitts supported by DeLeo to adopt the October 16, 2019 minutes as read. Motion carried.

Motion by Pitts supported by Peterson to adopt the September 30, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as read. Motion carried.

Police Report-- There were 49 calls in the township last month. Sheriff, Dan Abbott was present and addressed those in attendance about how things were going within the department and that if the Township wanted the department to provide a car and a deputy to patrol the township on a contract basis we could do so. He said that several townships are opting for this kind of service.

Fire Report-- Bangor—There were 51 calls with 10 in the township last month. A new command vehicle has been ordered. The department plans to redo the shower area in the basement this coming year.

The annual Santa Parade will be on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

There are Toys for Tots boxes located around town. There will also be a free dinner on Thanksgiving day at the Legion Hall from 12-4 p.m.

Road Commission Report – Road Project sheets are due soon. Jacque will submit requests similar to last year.

Ambulance Report-- Bill reported that there were (5) #1 calls (5) #2 calls and (2) #3 calls last month.

Commissioner's Report-- None

Senior Report-- Work continues on the purchase of the Village Market building. New committees for Building, fundraising, and Needs Assessment have been set up. Becky Hays has been made the new activities coordinator. Dinners, Luncheons and a multitude of group activities continue to happen each month. It is obvious that Senior Services is one of the most beneficial programs that Van Buren County voters have ever approved.

Board of Review Report--

The BOR will meet on December 10, 2019 .

Planning Commission Report-- The commission met on December 4, 2019. The Planning Commission requested that Donna Romanak be moved from alternate member to regular member. Also it requested that Annie Funke be appointed as an alternate member. Derek noted that the PC would be meeting every month in 2020 thru June at 6:00 p.m. Atty. Knotek presented the Board with the following PC recommendations:

Granting Henry's Heritage Winery Special Use Permit and site plan subject to the condition that the hours of operation be limited to daylight to 10:00 p.m. Motion by Peterson supported by Pitts that the Board adopt the Findings of Facts of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Henry's Heritage Winery subject to the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Carried with all members voting yes.

Motion by DeLeo supported by Pitts to move Donna Romanak from Alternate Member to Regular Member of the Planning Commission. Motion Carried.

Motion by Peterson supported by Pitts to make Annie Funke an Alternate Member of the Planning Commission. Motion Carried.

Granting 50405 Inc. located at 50405 28th Ave. a Special Use Permit and Site Plan to grow Medical Marijuana subject to the following conditions: that hours of operation be limited to daylight to 10:00 p.m. and that gates and service drives be a minimum of 20 feet.

Motion by Pitts supported by Pugsley that the Board adopt the Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and approve the Special Use Permit and Site Plan subject to the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. (3) members voted yes (2) members voted no The motion carried.

A Complaint Form will be put on the website for citizens to use if they wish to file a complaint with the Township.

Next month the Board will hold a hearing on a new Township Ordinance.

Clerk Report-- Consumers Power Co. will reimburse the township for the cost of publishing the new service contract between the township and the power company. Since the current computer used for elections is only windows 7 capable a new computer that is windows 10 or greater will probably need to be purchased before the March Primary election.

Supervisor Report-- We have received another FOIA request for information on 1462 township property parcels. Hal was instructed to use a cost of 25 cents per parcel and notify the requestor that a payment of that amount will have to be received by the township before the data will be released.

Treasurer Report-- Phil reported that the light inside the sign is now working. Winter tax bills will be mailed 11-27-2019. Motion by DeLeo supported by Pitts to pay the bills. All members voted yes. Motion Carried.

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$178,794.31
MONTHLY RECEIPTS	33,684.60
MONTHLY EXPENDITURES	14,756.55
ENDING BALANCE	\$197,722.36

Old Business-- Currently no new MM License applications are being received. It was noted that it is allowable to stack licenses on existing Special Use Permit site Plans. We will continue to hold open Town Hall Meetings in the future on MM licensing within Arlington.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Minutes taken by William Pugsley, Clerk