

Arlington Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020
Via Zoom

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 DeLeo supported by Peterson to adopt the September 16, 2020 minutes as presented. All members voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by DeLeo supported by Peterson to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 23, 2020 as presented. All members voted yes. Motion Carried.

Police Report-- Jason reported that there were (26) calls last month.

Fire Report-- Derek reported that there were (45) calls with (6) in the township. The pole barn behind the Fire Hall has been insulated and electrified. A new attorney has been hired.

Ambulance Report-- There were (6) #1 calls and (3) #2 calls.

Commissioner Report-- A childcare budget has been approved. The General Fund Budget is \$7,127,206.00 Dollars. A new Designated County Assessor 5 year contract has been created.

Road Commission Report-- The annual meeting will be conducted in November via Zoom.

Seniors Report-- The agency is currently closed. Meals for shut-ins are being delivered once a week.

BOR Report-- Residential assessments will increase approximately 8% due to home prices jumping up.

Planning Commission Report-- Derek reported that (3) Public Hearings had been held.

1. The Planning Commission recommended approval of a Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Quality Cannabis, 47200 48th St. with additional trees on the boundaries. Motion by Pugsley supported by Pitts that the Board adopt the findings of facts and recommendations of the Planning Commission as its own and that the Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Quality Cannabis be approved subject to the conditions set forth in the Planning Commission recommendation and plus all additional facts brought forth in the Planning Commission Report. Pugsley, Pitts, and Phillippe voted yes. DeLeo and Peterson voted No. Motion Carried.
2. The Planning Commission, after a Public Hearing was held to review the required criteria for the Special Use Permit and Site Plan approval, the Planning Commission recommended denial of both the Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Galenas, 47780 48th Ave. The Board was advised that the applicant had stopped payment on the check provided to the Township for the Provisional License and associated administrative expenses. The Township attorney advised the Supervisor to notify the applicant in writing that his Provisional License had been suspended due to voluntary withdrawal.
3. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit and Site Plan of Left Coast, 48223 28th Ave. Motion by Pitts supported by Pugsley that the Board adopt the findings of facts and recommendation of the Planning Commission as its own and that Special Use Permit and Site Plan for Left Coast be approved subject to the conditions set forth in the Planning

Commission's recommendation with 6 month review of the SUP for performance determination. Pugsley, Pitts, and Phillippe voted yes. DeLeo and Peterson voted no. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Enforcement Report-- John reported that a court date has been scheduled for Bobby Cantrell. He reported that Nina Puckett was in violation of County Health Department issues. The matter will be remanded to the Circuit Court system to force action by the Township. Motion by Pitts supported by Peterson to have the Township attorney take the matter to court. All members voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Pitts supported by Pugsley to look into having some type of Security be present at the election polling place. All members voted yes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Report-- Pugsley reported that around 430 absent voter ballots had been issued so far with approximately 225 having been returned to the Clerk. Voter turnout in November is expected to be the highest ever in a township election.

Supervisor Report-- Jacque reported that she was receiving numerous calls about the election.

Treasure Report-- Phil presented the Board with Budget Amendment #1 in the amount of \$193,746.11. Motion by Pitts supported by Pugsley to approve the amendment. All members voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by DeLeo supported by Pitts to pay the bills plus the election worker pay for the November election. All members voted yes. Motion Carried.

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| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$214,533.96 |
| MONTHLY RECEIPTS | 88,140.59 |
| MONTHLY EXPENDITURES | 99,310.62 |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$203,363.93 |

New Business—

1. Jeff Gasper, Cemetery Sexton, has notified the township that he would like to become a 1099 contractor rather than continue on as a township employee. He has changed his business to Lawncare Plus, LLC. He would like to contract with the township at a cost of \$17,761.51 with a yearly Cost-of-living increase of 1.5%. He is willing to sign a 5 year contract at this time. He has already signed similar contracts with Pine Grove and Columbia Township. Motion by Pitts supported by DeLeo to have the township attorney draft a 5 year contract with Lawncare Plus, LLC in the amount of \$17,761.51 per year to be paid monthly. Gasper will provide the township with a copy of his Workman's Compensation Insurance Binder and will sign a completed W-9 employment form with the township. All members voted yes by rollcall vote. Motion Carried.
2. Replace light fixtures in Meeting room-- Motion by DeLeo supported by Pitts to obtain a quote for the replacement of the light fixtures in the meeting room from an electrician. The fixtures must be of the LED type and the cost should not exceed \$2,000.00. All members voted yes by rollcall vote. Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Pitts supported by Pugsley to amend the contract with All-N-One Construction to lower the ceiling in the crew room in the new Emergency Services building to 8 feet at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. All members voted yes by rollcall vote. Motion Carried.
4. Emergency Services Building color scheme. The Board decided that the siding will be light gray and the roof and trim will be white.
5. Motion by Pitts supported by Peterson to subscribe to the Planning and Zoning News as well as the MTA Magazine for all Planning Commission members. All member voted yes by rollcall vote. Motion Carried.

Public Comment—

Jacque Phillippe— We should review the issue of contracting with the County Sheriff Department for Township Police Protection and use permit fee receipts from the MM program to fund it.

Judy Daniels, Jon Lanphear, and Ted Swanson voiced opposition to allowing MM grow operation to be allowed in the area of 48th St and 48th Ave.

Ron and Suzanne Klein oppose the granting of SUP to Quality Cannabis

Chris Passmore suggested using a third party to approve the enforcement of MM Ordinances.

Tina Loomis complained about the smell of cannabis around her home.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.
Minutes taken by William Pugsley, Clerk