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Georgette Peterson, Trustee  
Ted Swanson, Trustee

September 21, 2022

Call meeting to order: Supervisor Koshar called meeting at 07:00p.m.

Pledge: Was recited

Roll Call: Koshar here, Miller here, Peterson here, De Leo here, Swanson here.

Agenda: One addition was added under new business. (advertising in Reminder)

Law Enforcement: Deputy Torres reported on 49 calls while the Michigan State Police responded to 11 calls.

Fire Department: ABB Chief reported on 6 calls in Arlington. Training was conducted on rescuing hunters being disabled in tree stands.

Lawrence Fire: Reported on one call in Arlington. Ox roast went on without any complaints except from the ox.

Pride Care Ambulance: Steve Lowder reported 3 priority 1 calls, 4 priority 3 calls. Slow month for the ambulance service which is good.

Commissioner's report: no report was given.

Tax assessor and zoning: Danielle Golebiewski did attend a class to help determine the value of marijuana operations. She has been working on zoning compliance for a camp ground, camping trailers and shipping containers place on property.

Senior Services: Senior Services of Van Buren County is up and running. Lunches being served, with hopes of expanding service to Bangor, Grand Junction and Bloomingdale. Pickle ball courts are full all the time.

Clerk's Report: Election will be held on November 08, 2022. Waiting for ballots to be printed and delivered to clerk. Applications for absent voter ballots are starting to come in.

Supervisor's Report: Answering calls and visiting sites that have blight complaints. Working with attorney on developing new forms for complaints and questions.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance Sturgis Bank & Trust for September 21, 2022: \$172,218.53, Receipts \$41,044.00, Expenditures \$57,411.03 and Ending Balance \$155,851.50. Full report is on file.

Motion by Swanson to accept as presented, supported by Peterson,  
Roll call: De Leo yea, Miller yea, Peterson yea, Swanson yea, Koshar yea.

Public comment: Van Buren County Conservation District gave report on river water testing that will be conducted soon. Recycling round up taking house hold hazardous waste, Styrofoam, electronics, and shedding of confidential paperwork. Call 657-4030 for future details.

Approval of Draft Minutes: August 17, 2022 minutes were approved with a motion by Swanson, supported by Peterson.

New Business: Meeting advertising: Discussion on mistakes and expenses for advertising. Supervisor will meet with Reminder staff and try to come up with smaller advertisement that will run once a month. Meeting notices are on sign and website.

Special Assessment: Assessor Golebiewski gave presentation on street lighting special assessment fees for Scott Lake and Apple Blossom subdivision.

Township forms: The attorney is working on new forms for blight complaints, zoning applications, and notices.

Township Complaints: A review of the former policy responding to complaints has been changed.

Storage containers and trailers: Several containers have shown up on property that has no special use permit clearance. Notices were mailed out to remove or submit a new site plan for planning commission consideration.

Purple Valley: A discussion on security issues concerning gate unlocked with marijuana in full view, doors of building left open. Motion by Swanson to levee a \$500.00 penalty and six months' probation period before any other action will take place. Support was withdrawn and motion was amended by Swanson to read: Levee a \$500.00-dollar penalty for leaving the gate open for each of the four occasions for a total of (\$2,000.00) dollars. Also, a probation period will be initiated until November 15, 2022 for violation of Township's ordinance. Support by Peterson. Roll call, De Leo yea, Peterson yea, Miller yea, Koshar yea, Swanson yea.

Cannabis Regulatory Authority: Koshar motion for Attorney Graham on Arlington Township's behalf to request FOIA complaints on business in Arlington. Support by Peterson. Motion carried.

Smith Gravel Pit and North Coast plans: North Coast Inn plans have changed with no time line on when or if anything will happen. Smith Gravel Pit discussion was open to the public.

Old Business:

Purple Valley: The landscaping plan was discussed with Purple Valley's representative. Six foot trees have been planted along with viburnum bushes. The fence has been moved according to Landscaping plan. Motion by De Leo for one hour of Attorney fee (\$200.00) for extra work and visits to site be paid for by Purple Valley before new licenses will be issued. Support by Peterson. Roll call: De Leo yea, Miller yea, Koshar yea, Peterson yea, Swanson yea. A revised site plan will be submitted to the township showing the new location of the fence.

50405: EGLE has accepted 50405 Consent agreement and is allowing them to operate. Arlington Marijuana Bond: Still fact finding and no decisions have been made yet.

Scott Lake Drain: The township is waiting for work to be completed and an invoice from the county drain office.

Blighted property: Property at 46761 Broadway, Bloomingdale MI, has a decision by district court to clean up but Attorney Graham is going to speak with Probate Judge for a final clearance to begin work.

Daniels Property: A bid was received (approximately \$15,000 excluding permit fees) for the excavating work on the Daniels property water way. The township will meet with owners and try to determine when water damage to water way begin. Some residents have complained new marijuana farm released too much water at one time and it has eroded the bank of water way. Owners of marijuana operation (Quality Cannabis) have agreed to pay up to \$7,500.00 for repairing the ditch bank.

Consumers Power Co: Would like to meet with Arlington Trustees for an educational secession on solar farms.

Cemetery Property: Waiting on bids for surveying three cemeteries.

Zoning and Code Position: One new application and resume was received for open position.

Fire Department Levee: Danielle presented information on fire department levee: Motion by Koshar to levee 2.4584 mills on real property for fire protection. Support by Swanson, Motion carried.

Minutes for regular Arlington Township meeting, September 21, 2022

Minutes submitted: Douglas De Leo, Clerk