

Arlington Township Board of Trustee's meeting December 14, 2022

Mike Koshar, Supervisor
Douglas De Leo, Clerk
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Arlington Township
Van Buren County, MI.
52022 34th Ave.
Bangor MI 49013

Georgette Peterson, Trustee
Ted Swanson, Trustee

December 14, 2022

Call the meeting to Order: Supervisor Koshar

Pledge of Allegiance: Was recited.

Roll Call: De Leo, Peterson, Sanborn, Swanson, Koshar

Correction to minutes which were recorded in draft minutes.

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1. Treasurer's Report: expenditures \$710,866.11 should be \$70,866.11
2. Waypoint date at end of paragraph, 2022, should be 2023
3. Green Standard: Koshar yea should be nay
- 4: 50504: Koshar yea should be nay
5. Marijuana Bond: Nothing new to report

Approval of Agenda: De Leo yea, Swanson yea, Koshar yea, Peterson yea, Sanborn yea.

Law Enforcement: Deputy Torres reported on 38 calls in township. Still working on blighted property complaints.

Fire Department: No chiefs present, but Bangor had 8 Q.R. calls and 3 P.I. accidents.

Lawrence had 7 Q.R. calls with no fires.

Pride Care Ambulance: Report was mailed out.

Commissioner's report: No commissioner present.

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Tax Assessor: 27 parcels were evaluated and entered in computer. B.O.R. has met for December. One new zoning application was acted on.

Senior Services: No meeting in December.

Clerk's Report: No recounts have been requested for Arlington. Some recounts are being done for proposals but not in Arlington.

Supervisor's Report: Mike is reviewing the road commission request for 2023 road improvements. He has been fielding blight calls, and is interviewing new

computer technical companies. He is arranging a meeting with Consumers Power Company on January 11, 2023 for updates and plans on solar farms.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance as of December 14, 2022 was \$624,348.66, Monthly receipts of \$34,139.00, Monthly expenditures \$70,866.11, Ending balance \$587,601.55. Motion by Swanson supported by Peterson to accept financial report and pay all expenditures.

Roll call: De Leo yea, Peterson yea, Swanson yea, Koshar yea, Sanborn yea.

Motion by De Leo support by Swanson to allow Treasurer Sanborn reinvest monies and CD's that will mature in December 2022.

Roll Call: De Leo, yea, Sanborn yea, Swanson yea, Koshar yea, Peterson yea.

Approval of Minutes of November 16th. And special called meeting on November 30th. Swanson motion, supported by Koshar, motion carried 5/0.

New Business:

1. Appoint Board of Review Members: Donna Bell, Joe Wooding, Linda Nash.

2. Scott Lake lot line Adjustment: Koshar recommends with De Leo support, the lot line adjustment agreement that Zoning Administrator Golebiewski has both parties agreeing to the adjustment, which benefits both parties.

Board approved 5/0.

3. Blight Grant Discussion: Zoning Administrator Golebiewski has plan from Van Buren County allowing residents to apply for a grant/loan to clean up blighted

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4. Planning commission meeting dates: The planning commission will meet quarterly on March 1, June 7, September 6, and December 6, 2023. Motion by Swanson supported by Sanborn: motion carried 5/0
5. Snow Plowing: Tree Busters a snow plowing company owned by Roger Cummins will plow, shovel walk and salt as needed when four inches of snow falls. Charges are \$80.00 plowing, \$80.00 salting and \$25.00 shoveling. Board approved 5/0
6. Van Buren County Road Commission: Mike presented us with a road planning form for 2023. Sealcoating with slag, extra hot mix. Miscellaneous ditching, gravel and dust control will all be in the budget for 2023.

Marijuana Business Licenses and S.U.P renewals and other business.

1. Cure of the Earth 130 Hasting Court Bangor MI. *Motion to wave the \$700.00 fee (fee was paid several years ago but action was never taken by Township Board) and to change lot zoning classification from light industrial to Agriculture and combine with other two lots. Motion by Swanson, supported by Koshar. Roll call: De Leo yea, Swanson yea, Sanborn yea, Peterson yea, Koshar yea.*
A motion by Koshar to reimburse Cure of the Earth for current payment of \$700.00. De Leo support. Roll call: De Leo yea, Swanson yea, Sanborn yea, Peterson yea, Koshar yea.
2. Waypoint Processing, 54341 M43 Bangor. *Motion by Sanborn to grant Waypoint Processing the renewal of its SUP and processing licenses. I further move that the request to place storage containers on the property should be granted provided that the containers are in a spot that complies with the zoning ordinance with at least a 20-foot setback from rear property line and that storage trailers be shielded from view with a screen or fence that is approved by township. Also, Waypoint will have to apply for a setback variance with Zoning Board of Appeals in 60 days from December 14, 2022, (dead line February 14, 2023). If variance is not granted the storage container will not be in compliance with zoning ordinances.*

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Motion was supported by Swanson. Roll call vote: Motion carried 4/1. De Leo no, Peterson yea, Sanborn yea, Swanson yea, Koshar yea.

3. Purple Valley 53930 28th Ave, Bangor. After much discussion, Purple Valley was represented by Attorney John Mackewich the Board decided to deny renewal of SUP and grow licenses. *Motion by Peterson to deny renewal of both Purple Valley SUP application and license application. I adopt all township actions and underlying communications regarding those action involving Purple Valley during the last 12 months. Purple Valley has failed to comply with Township rules on a regular basis and has shown that it is not capable of following the rules. It is in the township's best interest to deny these applications. Support by De Leo. Roll call: De Leo yea, Peterson yea, Swanson yea, Koshar yea, Sanborn yea.*

4. Green Standard 51661 28th Ave Bangor. Discussion followed and it was noted that Green Standard was delinquent in payment of summer 2022 property taxes. *Motion by De Leo to deny Licenses and SUP due to not paying property taxes. Peterson support. Roll call: Swanson yea, De Leo yea, Peterson yea, Sanborn yea, Koshar nay. motion carried.*

5. 50504 28th Ave, Inc. Bangor. Much discussion was heard and all sides had the option to question both Andy Andre and his Attorney Kyle Konwinski. The board adopted all communications between the township and 50405/50504. Motion by Swanson to Suspend the SUP renewal for 50405/50504 and licenses request based on the following.

I move to suspend the SUP renewal for 50405 and the license renewal request for 50504 based on the following conditions for one year (grow season 2023)

1. No marijuana shall be grown, stored or processed on the 50405/50504 property in any way shape or form and this will continue until 50504/ 50405 completes all of the work described in the June 15, 2022, ACA and is approved by EGLE, and 50405/ 50504 shall pay the Township, on or before December 21, 2022, the sum of \$58,500 in a fine for violation of the Township's SUP and license renewal issued in 2021 and the conditional SUP and license renewal of April 13, 2022. This fine is based on 117 days of violations at \$500 a day. Supported by Koshar. Roll call vote: De Leo yea, Sanborn yea, Peterson yea, Swanson yea, Koshar nay, 4/1 motion carried.

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A motion by Sanborn to reconsider the action taken by the Board concerning Green Standard's denial of licenses and SUP that passed the Board 5/0. Swanson support. Roll call vote: De Leo nay, Peterson nay, Swanson yea, Sanborn yea, Koshar yea. Motion carried 3/2.

New motion by Sanborn to allow Green Standard to pay delinquent taxes by 12/31/2022 with a penalty of \$10,500.00 or \$100.00 a day (09/15/2022-12/31/2022) (Total of 105) days. Support by Koshar. Roll call vote: De Leo nay, Peterson nay, Swanson yea, Koshar yea, Sanborn yea. Motion passed 3/2.

Old Business:

1. Cemetery plot cost and policy: We will be looking at other townships for cost comparison.
2. Township Email account: Mike is working with a new tech company and hopes to have a new provider.
3. Daniels property: Nothing new to report at this time.
4. Bid for cleanup of blighted property located at 49761 Broadway: Still accepting bids.
5. Smith Gravel Pit and North Coast Inn: Nothing new to report.
6. Marijuana Bond: Nothing new to report.
7. Township forms and letters: Still in the process or reviewing.
8. Scott Lake Drain Petition: Project is on-going. Clerk De Leo would like Supervisor Koshar to invite Drain Commissioner Parman to come to a township meeting and answer some of our questions.

Public Comment: Resident of Scott Lake voiced her opinion on drain project.

Adjournment: 10:10p.m

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Minutes submitted by
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- Old Business: 6. Marijuana Bond: Nothing new to report, ~~might be in the best interest of the township to have Trustee Peterson handle this project.~~