**ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP**

**VAN BUREN COUNTY, MI.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR, DELEO AT 7:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED**

**ROLL CALL: Douglas DeLeo, Georgette Peterson, Ted Swanson and Ron Klein: Present. Jill Sanborn: Absent.**

**AGENDA WAS APPROVED**

**A moment of silence was observed for Martha Breger, a long-time resident, who recently passed away.**

**REPORTS:**

**Deputy Torres gave the Law Enforcement Report. There were 37 calls in the Township in the past month.**

**Chief Derek Babcock gave the Fire Department Report. He and 1 other person will be taking a CPR Instructor Course on April 1st. He is expecting the ISO rating to be completed by April 6. He is holding the Budget Meeting on 3/29/23.**

**Commissioner Kurt Doroh gave his report.**

**Danielle Golebiewski, Tax Assessor and Zoning Officer reported that she has 7 zoning permits out and is waiting for the Wetlands Map to be completed. There may be an Amish Cemetery in the Township.**

**The Clerk reported we will be having a Bangor School Millage election on May 2nd.**

**Supervisor reported that the Road Commission is going to start doing boom mowing and road tours. If there are any roads of concern, please let him know.**

**The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Georgette Peterson for Jill Sanborn. Approval was needed to pay the bills and to add Deputy Treasurer, Danielle Golembiewski to the MBL Checking, Road Tax Fund and Fire Tax Fund accounts. Jill has also requested approval to reinvest Honor CD at Oakleaf MM Fund until Huntington CD matures so that both can be invested in an Oakleaf CD near the end of April. In addition, there was a correction to the Quick Books prices: there is an additional $5 per employee per month fee for payroll.**

**Ted Swanson made a Motion to approve the bills, to add the Deputy Treasurer to the 3 accounts and to reinvest the Honor CD at Oak Leaf, currently at 5.4%. Motion was supported by Georgette Peterson. Roll Call: Swanson, yes; Klein, yes; Peterson, yes; DeLeo, yes. Motion carried.**

**Kalli Marshall from the Van Buren Conservation District shared programs coming up; Seedling Tree Sale, Volunteer Appreciation and Recruitment Night and Volunteer Night on May 7, 2023 to sample rivers and streams for bugs. Regarding trash, Kalli talked about the Michigan Recycling and Infrastructure Grant. She distributed the Request for Proposals booklet to the Board.**

**On April 29, 2023 there will be a tire collection in Decatur. She added there is a battery recycling drop-off at the Conservation Building as well as at the library in Bangor.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM**

**Comments regarding High Power from 4 Residents**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**High Power – Jill Cowen and Byron Swift presented their information on the requested Class C, 2000 plant outdoor license.**

***Motion* by Ted Swanson to deny the Class C, 2000 plant outdoor grow. Motion supported by Douglas DeLeo. Roll call: Swanson, yes; Klein, yes; Peterson, yes; DeLeo, yes. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Plumbing and Electrical permit process: Attorney Graham said the State waned us to use their process. We received several applications and began to use MTS out of Allegan for electrical. He said he has to follow up with them on plumbing.**
2. **Bid for clen-up of blighted property located at 46761 Broadway. Attorney Graham said there is an approved bid; however, we have not heard from the person who submitted it to say when they could start.**
3. **Cemetery plot cost and policy. On hold. A cemetery committee is being formed.**
4. **Smith Gravel Pit and North Coast Inn. Ms. Golebiewski reported that she has not heard from either entity.**

**Bloomingdale Communication’s representative reported they were able to submit for supplemental funding. A representative from the USDA informed them they would get the 10% they wanted. They were also able to obtain 1.2 million dollars in ARPA funds. In total, they were given 7.25 million dollars. Bloomingdale will now begin to build wireless in much of Arlington Township.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEM**

**Mrs. Peterson reported that the PC has requested permission to send the surveys out in the next tax bill.**

**Mr. Klein talked about he and Mr. Swanson looking at and for the drains around Scott Lake. He reported that by removing leaves and other debris from the drains, they began to flow. He said they were going to go back to check the drains farther upstream. He noted that the lake level is very high**

**Annie Funke commented on the cemetery boundaries and high-speed internet.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Georgette Peterson, Clerk**