

Douglas DeLeo, Supervisor
Ron Klein, Trustee
Jill Sanborn, Treasurer
Ted Swanson, Trustee
Georgette Peterson, Clerk

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP HALL
JUNE 21, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor, Douglas DeLeo.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation – Douglas DeLeo

Roll Call: Ted Swanson, Jill Sanborn, Ron Klein, Douglas DeLeo, Georgette Peterson: Present. Attorney Graham was also present as was Danielle Gob

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ron Klein, supported by Jill Sanborn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

#2 from New Business on the Agenda was moved to this spot. Steve from Bloomingdale Communications addressed the Board by asking if the Township has reviewed and is in agreement with the draft agreement between the two parties. Attorney Graham will email the proposed Township changes to Steve who was also given a hard copy. Jill Sanborn made a motion with support by Ted Swanson to approve the agreement based on the changes made by Attorney Graham and approved by Steve. Roll call vote. Ted, Jill, Georgette, Douglas – Yes. Ron-No. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: No report

Fire Department: Chief Babcock reported that Pride Care no longer provides ambulance services and VBEMs will be taking over with an ambulance parked at the station starting July 1, 2023. There were 37 calls, 8 of which were in Arlington. The fire department will be offering CPR classes soon; they are AHA and will cost \$40 for a 4-hour class.

Ambulance: Steve Lowder gave the May report.

Commissioners Report: Kurt Doroh reported the new administrator they hired is John Faul. The County Commission will be on a 4-year term starting with the next election. The funds applied for Broadband by MEC were approved and he will have a map showing the areas at the next meeting.

Assessors Report: Danielle reported that she has visited 42% of the Township. 85 letters are being sent to mainly the South side of the Township for her to visit. She is working on a list of dangerous structures and has given out 6 permits so far in June.

Road Commission: Greg Kinney said the new building is being put on hold due to the costs. The Road Commission has a Facebook Site.

Clerk's Report: There is a County Clerk's meeting in July. The Township will be required to get a new drop box.

Treasurer's Report: The General Fund had a beginning balance of \$210,568.38; monthly receipts of \$116,426.08; monthly expenditures of \$69,272.28 and an Ending Balance of \$257,722.18. The Restricted Fund had a beginning balance of \$205,029.50; monthly receipts of \$45,502.32; monthly expenditures of \$14,597.33 and an Ending Balance of \$235,934.49. Jill gave the Board a list of monthly expenses. Ted motioned to pay the expenditures as written. Ron supported. Roll Call vote: Ted, Ron, Jill, Douglas and

Georgette – yes. Motion carried. Jill explained that having changed from Quick Books desktop to Quick Books on line requires a change in payroll to everyone being paid monthly. All will be paid the following month for the work in the previous month. Jill also would like to change the Tax Payments Over/Under Amounts to \$3.00 or less due to the costs of postage and administration. Payment amounts that are over or under by \$3.00 or less will be accepted as payment in full. Ted made a motion to approve this policy change with support from Ron. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Annie Davidson-Funke announced that a Celebration of Life will be held at United Simpson Church for Martha Bregger, a longtime resident and previous Board member, on Saturday from 1-3 PM. Annie also said mailing the survey with tax bills was confusing to people in the past.

Becky Ladewski talked about the Endeavor Ag & Energy Wetland Chemical Spill that happened on 5/30/23 on 44th Avenue by CR 673. Mr. DeLeo said he will be sure to get a final report from EGLE.

Approval of May, 2023 Minutes: Georgette noted 3 typos that need to be corrected. Jill made a motion with support from Ron to approve the minutes with the 3 corrections. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Michael Sossin, representing Dragonfly Kitchens II requested permission to change the usage of the 6,600 sq ft barn from a maintenance barn to being used for marijuana. Attorney Graham asked if there will be any changes made to the barn. Mr. Sossin said only the changes that were approved by the Township and haven't been done yet; including putting a floor in. Mr. Sossin said he showed the barn to Georgette Peterson on her visit yesterday. Attorney Graham reviewed Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance and did not see an issue with this change. Georgette made a motion with support from Jill to allow Dragonfly Kitchen II to make the usage change to the barn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Architect Drawing for the addition to the Township Hall. The Board was shown diagrams of 2 options; one with 2 offices and one with 4 offices in addition to the storage room. The difference in price was approximately \$50,000. Jill made a motion to go with the 4-office plan, supported by Ted. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Update and Mailing of Survey. The object is to find out what is important to the residents with the goal of updating the Master Plan. Attorney Graham explained the law says a Master Plan must be updated. The survey is going in with the tax bill.

Old Business: None

8:00 PM Ron Klein made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the Attorney's opinion on the investigation. Georgette supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session at 8:45 PM by Georgette with support from Ron. All in favor. Motion carried. Georgette made a motion to proceed with the steps as recommended in the closed session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ron made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 PM, supported by Georgette. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgette Peterson, Clerk

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