

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

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor, Douglas DeLeo
Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Douglas DeLeo
Roll Call: Jill Sanborn, Ron Klein, Douglas DeLeo, Georgette Peterson-Present. Ted Swanson-Absent
Others present: Scott Graham (Township Attorney), Mr. Amar Dhillon, Township Residents
Approval of Agenda-Motion by Georgette Peterson, supported by Jill Sanborn. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Law Enforcement: Deputy Felix Torres reported there were 78 calls in the Township last month that included traffic stops; bringing the total to 172 for the last quarter. He introduced the Deputy that has been with him for the past several weeks.

Fire: Chief Derek Babcock reported 12 calls in Arlington in July. The Department is getting new nozzles for their hoses at the cost of \$7000. The trucks have had the yearly testing required. He reported receiving a donation of \$5000 for the back pack give-away that will be held next week. The school start date is August 28. Derek stated they are preparing for their Labor Day Pancake Breakfast and the donations will go to Melanie Clayton.

Ambulance: No report

Commissioners' Report: Commissioner Kurt Doroh reported on the Target Market Analysis & Housing Strategic Plan and on the grant for Broadband internet. MEC received the grant. There are 400 addresses in the County that are not covered, none of which are in Arlington. Kurt reported that by 2026, all in the county will have broadband.

Assessors Report: No Report

Clerk's Report: Georgette reported that the clerks have been meeting twice a month, with County Clerk Suzie Roehm, to go through the bills that have passed regarding next year's requirement for 9 days of early voting. She reported that the Township is going to join the other municipalities in having the County run the 9 days. The voting place will be in Hartford. On election day, the voting will take place in the normal precincts. We will be having a Lawrence School election in November of this year. Georgette asked permission of the Board to go to a 3-day Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort in October and gave the Board members the details. The total cost will be \$1232.30. Ron made a motion to approve with support from Jill. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Jill noted that the budget will need to be amended.

Supervisor's Report: Douglas said we will be talking about roads later this evening.

Treasurer's Report: Jill reported the beginning balance in the General Fund of \$279,306.74; Receipts of \$4,496.91; Expenditures of \$23,482.68 with an Ending Balance of \$260,320.97. The restricted fund account had a beginning balance of \$218,872.73; Receipts of \$1898.26; Expenditures of \$35,683.60 with an Ending Balance of \$185,087.39.

Georgette made a **motion** with support from Ron to pay the bills as requested. Roll call vote: all yes. **Motion** carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Resident Annie Davidson-Funke asked about the Cease-and-Desist Order on the Agenda. She noted that she was pleased with how the PC handled Mrs. Springett's Concerns regarding the Dispensary that is to be voted on tonight. Resident, Willie Reinhardt asked about the Outdoor Wood Burning Stove Ordinance. He was told it is still in Draft Form and he voiced opposition to it.

Approval of July 19, 2023 Minutes: Jill made the correction of an amount of \$94.03 which should be \$94.30. Douglas made a **motion** with support from Ron to accept the minutes with the correction. All in favor. **Motion** carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Klein made a **motion** as follows: "I move to approve the Dhillon Enterprises Special Use Permit application for a cannabis provisioning center for parcel 80-03-007-033-00, located at 30146 56th Street, Bangor, mi 49013 with the following conditions:

1. The applicant will provide screening for Mrs. Springett's deck. The screening will run the width of the west side of the deck and will run from the SW corner of the deck to the east, up to 12feet.
2. All exterior lighting will illuminate downward and will be shielded to prevent illumination beyond the perimeter of the property.
3. Hours of operation will not exceed 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Monday through Saturday.
4. The applicant shall acquire and provide proof to the Township of all permits and approvals required by all local, county and state agencies."

Georgette Peterson supported the **motion**. Roll call vote. Jill Sanborn, Ron Klein, Georgette Peterson – yes. Douglas DeLeo-no. **Motion** carried 3-1.

Refuse Station: Douglas asked the Board if we should keep the dumpsters from September 9th through the 16th of September which would incur no extra charge from Best Way. It would, however, require someone to be present at the Site. The Board discussion led to only having in open on September 9th.

Advertisement for snow removal from hall parking lot: Douglas provided the Board with a copy of the ad to be placed. Jill made a **motion** to advertise using this ad; Ron supported. All in favor. **Motion** carried.

Extraction mining and ground water information: Ron explained that the Ordinance is being worked on and he would like information to be posted on the website to educate the public.

Budget Amendment: Georgette made a **motion** which Ron supported to increase \$3500 from 290672402 Current Property Taxes to 101257703 Professional Services/Permits which covers the Assessor's contract for assessing property that is required of her. Roll call vote. All in favor. **Motion** carried.

Road Funding for CR 376: The County would like the Township to partner with them on funding and paving of the road. Georgette commented that the Township should take care of the roads we are responsible for.

Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Insurance plan: Douglas handed out information on the proposal he received on Monday. Scott Graham stated it is reasonable in terms of coverage and price. Georgette made a motion to accept MMRMA's proposal in the amount of \$12,276; supported by Ron. After discussion the Board voted in favor. Roll call vote. All yes. Motin carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Draft of Marijuana Business License: Comments and Questions are requested.
2. Draft of outdoor wood burning stoves: Comments and Questions are requested. Ron noted that at the last Board meeting, the Draft was sent back to the PC. After the September meeting, there will be a public hearing.
3. Dangerous and dilapidated building hearing officer: Attorney Graham was tasked with finding candidates. He reported that he has a few and when we have a qualified building, we can move forward.
4. Cease and Desist Order: The correct language is being worked on.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgette Peterson
Arlington Township Clerk