

Douglas DeLeo, Supervisor
Jill Sanborn, Treasurer
Georgette Peterson, Clerk

Ron Klein, Trustee
Ted Swanson, Trustee

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 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, Ted Swanson, Georgette Peterson-Present.
Others present: Scott Graham (Township Attorney), Township Residents
Approval of Agenda-Motion by Ted Swanson, supported by Ron Klein. All in favor. Motion
carried.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Mr. John Yellich, Michigan Geological Survey at Western Michigan University spoke on geology,
water and monitoring of ground water supply.

REPORTS:

Law Enforcement: Deputy Felix Torres there were 68 calls in the Township last month that
included traffic stops. He spoke briefly on blight issues.

Fire: Chief Derek Babcock reported 11 calls in Arlington in July.

Ambulance: No report

Commissioners' Report: No report

Assessors Report: Report given

Clerk's Report: Georgette reported that the clerks continue to meet with the County Clerk to
iron out everything for the 2024 elections.

Supervisor's Report: Items for discussion later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jill reported the beginning balance in the General Fund of \$260,326.19,
Receipts of \$67, 046.37, Expenditures of \$40,203.39, with an Ending Balance of \$287, 169.17.
The MBLic Fund had a beginning balance of \$185,087.39, Receipts of \$167.46, Expenditures of
\$19,977.30, with an Ending Balance of \$165,277.55. Jill requested approval to pay the bills. Ted
motioned, with support from Georgette to pay the bills as read. All in support. Motion carried.
Jill also requested approval to reimburse Danielle for camera expenses related to her position
with the Township in the amount on \$469.50. Georgette made the motion to reimburse Danielle
\$469.50, supported by Ted, all in favor. Motion carried. These items will be considered Township
property,

Jill requested approval to invest \$240,000 from Oakleaf Sunflower Bank, maturing CD and
\$10,000 from the General Fund into a new CD. Ted made a motion to approve this request with
support from Ron. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Comments were heard by residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Snow removal bids: Two bids have been received so far. The Township will continue to
advertise for bids.
2. Clerk's nine days of voting: A Resolution to join with Van Buren County for the 9 days of
early voting at the County Voting Site at 57418 CR 681, Hartford, Mi. 49057. Ted made a
motion to approve Resolution 2023-5, supported by Ron. All in favor. Motion carried.

Georgette also requested permission to sign the contract with the County for the nine days of early voting for each State and Federal Election. Motion by Ron, supported by Ted to allow Georgette to sign the contract with the County. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Georgette made a motion, supported by Ron to increase Professional Services to \$10,000 in the Marijuana Business Funds Budget for Site Plan Reviews. All in favor. Motion Carried.
4. Purchase limit without full Board approval. Georgette made a motion to approve requesting approval from two of the following Board members, Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, to spend over \$25. Ted supported motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. L4029 Tax: Jill made a motion with support from Ted to use the Headlee ratio of 0.5359. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Content, format, management, and utility of the website: Board discussion
7. Planning Commission Report: Ron reported a number of residents were at the meeting and there were good discussions.
8. At the 09/06/2023 PC meeting, the Commission recommended approval of the Green Mitten request to amend their Site Plan for the placement of two Hemp Dryers on the property. Ron made the motion to approve the change with support from Ted. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Van Buren County Conservation District: Emily was present to discuss tire collections. She noted that tires can be dropped off at Arlington's regular dump date of 5/11/24 and they will be picked up by the County on 5/21/24 or 5/22/24. She informed that the infrastructure grant was approved for approximately \$500,000.
10. Arlington Township Fee Schedule: The Board will review the proposed new fee schedule and discuss at the next meeting.
11. Amend ABB Fire Budget: Ted made a motion to amend the ABB Fire Budget from \$160,000 to \$159, 373.82; supported by Jill. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Mining Ordinance Draft: Ted made a motion, supported by Georgette to post on the website as a Draft for comments from the residents. All in favor. Motion carried. Ted made a second motion, supported by Georgette to send to Gerald Fisher for review and comment only, supported by Georgette. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Planning Commission Procedures: The Board was presented with new Planning Commission Procedures and Ron made a motion to accept these with support from Georgette. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Draft of Marijuana Business License. Vote to Adopt Ordinance: Attorney Graham noted that there is a clear distinction between a violation of the SUP as opposed to a violation of the Ordinance. A penalty will be added for the late payment of taxes. Ted made a motion to adopt the new MBL 2023-1, supported by Ron. Roll Call Vote. All in agreement. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

Georgette Peterson, Clerk