

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

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by Douglas DeLeo, Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were done

Roll Call: Ted Swanson, Jill Sanborn, Ron Klein, Douglas DeLeo, Georgette Peterson: All present

Others Present: Scott Graham, Township Attorney. Arlington Township Residents

Ted Swanson made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Georgette Peterson. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Ron Klein made the following motion, which was supported by Ted Swanson: "Regarding the case of 27035 Co Rd 215, Inc. v Arlington Township, now pending in the Van Buren County Circuit Court, Case No. 21-070912-CZ, I move to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township". A roll call vote was taken and all members were in agreement. Motion carried.

Board went into closed session at 6:53 PM.

At 7:16 PM, Ted made the following motion, which was supported by Ron Klein: "I move to authorize our attorneys to proceed as recommended during the closed session regarding the case of 27035 Co Rd 215, Inc. v Arlington Township, now pending in the Van Buren County Circuit Court, Case No. 21-00912-CZ. Roll call vote. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Reports

Law Enforcement: None

Fire Department: None

Ambulance: None

Commissioners Report: None

Assessor's Report: Danielle Golembiewski requested input from the Board on Poverty Rates by January, 2024.

Clerk's Report: Georgette Peterson reported on the November 7, 2023 Lawrence School election and noted that the Van Buren County Municipal Clerks are continuing to meet one to two times a month regarding the new election laws for 2024.

Supervisor's Report: Douglas DeLeo reported on a possible new marijuana license and inspection fee.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Sanborn requested approval to pay expenditures. Ted Swanson made a motion to pay the bills as outlined in the report, Ron Klein supported the motion. Roll call vote. All members in favor. Motion carried. Jill also requested to invest \$50,000 from the General Fund in Goldman Sachs MM

and approval to invest MBL funds in PNC MM account to lower MBL account to \$250,000. Ted made the motion to invest the funds as requested, Ron supported the motion, all board members in agreement. Motion carried. Jill made a motion to approve for Donna Bell to take the Michigan Assessment Technician Certification Course in an amount not to exceed \$150. Ron supported the motion. Roll call Vote. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: Jill suggested that more detail be added to the minutes regarding certain finances as the agenda is not published. Ted made a motion to approve the October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes as presented with support from Jill. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Reinhardt's request: Willy and Diane Reinhart, 46711 Sycamore Drive, Bangor, Mi. 49013 Parcel # 80-03-310-028-000 have requested a reconsideration of their variance for annual installation of temporary docks and mooring on their property. Diane stated they, and 2 other persons, have registered as Volunteers for the Michigan Clean Water Corps Lake Monitoring Program. Discussion took place and more information is needed.
2. Southwest Communications dba Bloomingdale Communications: Ted made a motion with support from Ron to give the Supervisor permission to sign the contract with Bloomingdale Communications for high-speed internet in the amount of \$100,000 from the ARPA fund. Roll call vote. All members in favor. Motion carried.
3. Hall Builders bid to construct an addition for anew storage facility and offices. Jill motioned to accept Hall Builders of \$199,852. Georgette supported the motion. Roll call vote. All members in favor. Motion carried.
4. Discussion on Cannabis license and inspection fees. (Noted in Supervisor's report). Ron made a motion to table with support from Ted. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Quality Cannabis License Renewal: Brin Alpert was present to answer any questions. Georgette informed the Board that the files have been thoroughly reviewed, there are no changes necessitating a new Site Plan, there have been no complaints and no concerns from the State. Ted made a motion to renew Quality Cannabis' 3 Medical and 1 Adult Use Marijuana Licenses and their SUP. Ron supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Cure of the Earth License Renewal: Christopher Passmore was present. Georgette informed the Board that this entity has never had any complaints or concerns from the State, the file was completely reviewed and there were no changes. She requested the Board renew the SUP and the 1 Adult Use Marijuana License. Ron made the motion to approve, with support from Ted. All members in favor. Motion carried.
7. Dragonfly Kitchens II License Renewal: Sam was present to represent the entity. Georgette Informed the Board that the files were thoroughly reviewed, there are no changes necessitating a new Site Plan and there have been no complaints other than odor and no concerns from the State. Ron asked about drain issues that they had with the County Drain and Sam said that it was good. Georgette requested the Board approve renewal of the SUP, 5 adult Use licenses, 4 medical marijuana licenses, 3 excess grow licenses and 2 processor licenses. Ted made the motion to approve all that was requested with support from Ron. All members in favor. Motion carried.
8. Sapphire Farms: Anthony was present to answer any questions. Georgette reported there were no changes, moving of plants has been put on hold so no new Site Plan is needed, the files have

been thoroughly reviewed, there have been no complaints and no concerns from the State. She requested the Board to approve renewal of the SUP, 3 adult use licenses and 1 medical marijuana license. Ted made the motion to approve the renewal requests with support from Ron. All members in favor. Motion carried.

9. EGLE violation notices VN-015142 received by the Township October 30, 2023 and VN-015218 received by the Township October 31, 2023. Unauthorized work was performed on the West side of Park Lane as the new owner was give the impression they could build on the entire property. Some of the property was wetland. Ron Klein and Ted Swanson visited the owners and report that EGLE has an inspector addressing the situation and the Health Department is working on trying to locate a place for the septic and well.

Ted made the motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Ron. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgette Peterson, Clerk

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