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**Agenda is subject to change before Meeting date.**

February 21, 2024

07:00p.m.

Call meeting to order:

Pledge of Allegiance and invocation:

Roll Call:

Approve Agenda:

Also, a motion to go into closed secession to obtain and opinion concerning Edison Electric Invoice. Will be done at the end of agenda.

Reports:

Law Enforcement:

Fire Departments:

Commissioners’ Report:

Assessors’ Report:

Approval of Jaunary17, 2023 minutes

Public Comment on any agenda items (3-minute limit)

Supervisors’ Report: Waiting on estimate on dust control.

Clerks’ Report:

Treasurers’ Report:

New Business:

1. Bloomingdale Communication fiber optic installation discussion.

2. Renewal of Cannabis’s licenses for Kula/Red Arrow, 50505/50405, Black River

Botanicals, and Candid.

3. Hall Builder payment.

4. Contract Gravel: 500 tons purchased and spread for a total cost of $7,285.00

5. Boom mowing. $3500

6. Extra Width Mowing: $5000

7. Planning Commission Review and funding request.

The Planning Commission is initiating and aggressively addressing two critical documents for Arlington Township: The “Arlington Township Ordinances 2012 Working Draft” and the “Planning Commission Review Copy Arlington Township Revised Master Plan 2019” (also called “the Master Plan”). Neither document has been adopted by Arlington Township.

The Master Plan. The Township does not possess the time nor level of expertise to craft a meaningful Master Plan. The current “Revised Master Plan 2019” is inadequate for modification to suit current and anticipates needs of the township. Planning professionals strongly advise having Master Plans drafted in collaboration with professional experts. To that end, I have been discussing contracting out our Master Plan with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC). I have provided the estimated cost to complete a Master Plan for Arlington Township. The total cost to prepare our Master Plan is approximately $15,000. (Please see attached.)

For the Planning Commission (PC) to tackle just the Master Plan the PC estimates holding at least one monthly working session for nine months, two public forums to gather resident input and one public review of the penultimate document at an expense of approximately $7,920. This figure does not include additional expenses in obtaining the essential GIS maps, as well as time to compile information and draft the document. This work would be in addition to the PC dealing with the “Arlington Township Ordinances 2012 Working Draft”.

I am requesting that the Township Board access the marijuana account to fund completing the Master Plan and dedicate $15,000 to allow us to initiate drafting a contract with SWMPC for this project. The marijuana industry is given scant mention in the current document and has had profound impact on the Township.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the PC, and I will work with the SWMPC on a contract to complete the Master Plan to be reviewed by legal counsel and presented to the Board for approval as soon as possible.

“The Arlington Township Ordinances 2012 Working Draft.” This document has languished for a dozen years. Much like the Master Plan, planning professionals that ordinances be revised and redrafted in collaboration with professional experts. The Planning Commission has been discouraged from doing this, however it may be necessary to contract an appropriate vendor to complete a final updated draft of our ordinances to present to the Board later this year. This issue deserves serious and immediate consideration.

I am requesting that we access the marijuana account to fund completing the redraft of the “Arlington Township Ordinances 2012 Working Draft” or a portion of it, based upon the impact that industry has had on the township.

Closed secession to discuss Edison Electric invoice.

Adjournment: