

Georgette Peterson, Supervisor
 Susan Wilson, Clerk
 Jill Sanborn, Treasurer

Ron Klein, Trustee
 Ted Swanson, Trustee

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP
 52022 34th Avenue, Bangor, Michigan
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2025

Georgette Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Ron Klein, Jill Sanborn, and Georgette Peterson were present.

Absent: Ted Swanson and Susan Wilson

Others Present: Scott Graham, Arlington Township Attorney

Approval of Agenda:

Under Old Business, Bloomingdale Communications, Snow Plow Contract, and Transfer Station were removed and will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Jill Sanborn made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Georgette Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

Consent Agenda Reports

Assessor's Report

Supervisor's Report

Road Commission Report

Amendment: The Clerk's report was removed this month from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Jill Sanborn to approve the Consent Agenda Reports as amended, supported by Ron Klein. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jill Sanborn to approve the October 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, supported by Georgette Peterson.

Roll Call: Ron Klein and Georgette Peterson were in favor, Jill Sanborn abstained. Motion carried.

Reports

Law Enforcement: Deputy Gabe Weekly filled in for Deputy Holly Daniel. He gave a written report.

Fire Departments:

Arlington, Bangor City, and Bangor Township (ABB): Greg Myrkle reported a total of 56 calls for the month of October, making a total of 502 calls for the year. The 18-year-old engine will be refurbished. Don Noffke, fire board rep, passed away. A memorial service will be held for him. We have obtained a Rescue Rig for medical first responders to keep at home on the weekend. They will be able to respond to calls directly from home.

Lawrence Township Emergency Services (LTES): James Fein, medical chief, and Bill Featherstone, new fire chief, introduced themselves. Bill Featherstone is also a paramedic and has been working in fire services for approximately 20 years. The contract with LTES expires at the end of March. A new contract will be discussed in the near future.

Senior Service's Report: Jeannie Babcock reported that the 2026 budget was approved. A housing project grant is being worked on for senior services in South Haven. A holiday dinner will be held at the Bangor Senior Services location on December 8, 2025.

Commissioner's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Sanborn asked for approval of the following:

To pay the October 16, 2025 – November 19, 2025 expenses. Checks with 11/19/25 dates are post board approval and checks dated prior to this date were issued prior to board approval per township policy, or were previously approved by the board. Election workers will be paid at the end of November.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to approve payment of the expenses. Ron Klein supported the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ron Klein, Jill Sanborn and Georgette Peterson all in favor. Motion carried.

To pay the 10/20/25 credit card bill for \$639.61 which is due on 11/22/25. This amount includes expenses paid for mail-in voting postage.

Jill Sanborn made a motion to approve payment of the above expense. Ron Klein supported the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Ron Klein, Georgette Peterson, and Jill Sanborn all in favor. Motion carried.

To amend the Treasurer's FY 2025/2026 budget by decreasing 101-253-727 (Office Supplies) by \$750.00 (a change from \$3,495 to \$2,745) and increase 101-253-955 (Misc) by \$750.00 (a change from \$2,605 to \$3,355). This is for payment of the winter tax bill mailing.

Ron Klein made a motion to approve the above amendment. Georgette Peterson supported the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Ron Klein, Georgette Peterson, and Jill Sanborn all in favor. Motion carried.

Georgette Peterson asked to adjust the General Fund Budget for Elections (262) by increasing 101-262-900-000 (Printing & Publishing) by \$500.00 and decrease 101-262-702-000 (Salaries & Wages) by \$500.00 and. The Printing & Publishing (101-262-900-000) budget was \$500.00 and \$879.00 was spent, with an over budget of \$379.00. The Salaries & Wages (101-262-702-000) budget was \$4,000.00 and \$1,457.50 was spent, with an under budget of \$2542.50

Georgette Peterson made a motion to approve the above amendment to the budget. Jill Sanborn supported the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ron Klein, Jill Sanborn, and Georgette Peterson all in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Ron Klein reported that they are nearing the completion of the Master Plan. Matt Butler and Ron Klein will be meeting with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission to work on any language issues. Hope to have a draft within the next two weeks.

Marijuana Coordinator's Report: Georgette Peterson asked for approval to renew the following marijuana business licenses and special use permits (SUP):

Quality Cannabis – 47200 48th St, Lawrence, Parcel No. 80-03-035-021-00. Owned by William Steele. They had one complaint which was taken care of within a couple days. 5 Licenses: AU-P-000553, AU-G-C-001121, GR-C-000842, GR-C-000882, GR-C-000881

Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew the licenses and SUP for Quality Cannabis. Jill Sanborn supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cure of the Earth – 130 Hastings Ct, Bangor, Parcel No. 80-03-006-006-10. Owned by Christopher Passmore. There were no complaints or violations. 1 License: AU-G-C-000474

Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew the license and SUP for Cure of the Earth. Jill Sanborn supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sapphire Farms – 24685 CR 681, Bangor, Parcel No. 80-03-006-009-13. Owned by Carmine Pistolesi. They had one complaint and the owner was notified. Adam Piot was at the meeting representing Sapphire Farms. 4 Licenses: AU-G-C-000197, AU-G-C-000203, AU-C-G-000204, GR-C-000260

Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew the licenses and SUP for Sapphire Farms. Jill Sanborn supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Comments were made: 1) regarding sealcoating roads and the channel on Scott Lake, 2) road work on CR 376, and 3) free turkey dinner on Saturday at the Bangor American Legion.

New Business:

Security System – We will be obtaining bids for a new alarm system for the building.

Amazon Prime – The cost for Amazon Prime for a year is \$139.00.

Ron Klein made a motion to obtain a 1-year membership to Amazon Prime for \$139.00. Georgette Peterson supported the motion. Roll Call: Ron Klein, Jill Sanborn and Georgette Peterson all in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Road Commission 2nd Amendment to Resolution #2025-2 Regarding CR 376Regarding – The resolution needs to be amended due to the Road Commission millage being up for renewal in 2028. The amendment to this resolution will be #2025-2-(3).

Georgette Peterson made a motion to amend Resolution #2025-2 to reflect the following: Arlington Township will allocate 50% of its RevShare funds for the explicit purpose of removing trees, ditching and double sealcoating CR 376 from CR 681 to 56th Street for a period of three (3) years (2026, 2027, and 2028) contingent upon VBCRC's commitment of \$25,000 annually for the same period. – AND – If the project is not completed by 2028, additional funds necessary to complete the project shall be paid by Arlington Township for two (2) years (2029-2030) through 50% of RevShare funds, contingent upon VBCRC's commitment of \$25,000 annually for the same period. **Jill Sanborn supported the motion. Roll Call: Ron Klein, Jill Sanborn, and Georgette Peterson all in favor. Motion carried.**

Adjournment: Ron Klein motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Jill Sanborn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Douglas

Peggy Douglas, Administrative Assistant