

Georgette Peterson, Supervisor
 Susan Wilson, Clerk
 Jeff Douglas, Treasurer

Ted Swanson, Trustee
 Rob Zantello, Trustee

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

February 18, 2026

Georgette Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, Susan Wilson, & Georgette Peterson all present.

Absent: Rob Zantello

Others Present: Scott Graham, Arlington Township Attorney

Approval of Agenda: Jeff Douglas asked that Winter Hours for the Recycling Center and Website Training be added to the agenda. **Georgette Peterson made a motion to approve the amended agenda, supported by Ted Swanson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Approval of Consent Agenda Reports:

Assessor's Report

There was no report from the supervisor, clerk, & road commission and therefore removed from the consent agenda. **Motion was made by Susan Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda Report, supported by Jeff Douglas. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: There is a correction to the minutes under the Treasure's Report; the fund code was typed as 101-262-959 and should be 101-262-**955**. **Motion was made by Georgette Peterson to approve the January 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes with the correction stated, supported by Jeff Douglas. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Reports

Law Enforcement: Deputy Holly Daniel reported 52 calls in the month of January. This did not include the number of stops to help with weather related incidents.

Fire Departments:

Arlington, Bangor City, and Bangor Township (ABB): Derek Babcock reported a total number of 44 calls for the month of January; 9 of those calls were for Arlington Township. The budget meeting is set for March 25 at 6:30pm. The department will be building a new training facility and is looking for donations. A joint facility was built in South Haven approximately 10 to 12 years ago which will still be used. The new facility will be closer to home for staff to attend.

Lawrence Township Emergency Services (LTES): Bill Featherstone reported 50 total calls for the month of January; 13 of those calls were for Arlington Township. The plow attached to one of the trucks came in handy during a fire on CR 681. The driveway had snow which was plowed and allowed the fire trucks get to the fire.

Senior Service's Report: Jeannie Babcock spoke about the number of senior trips that are planned for the year. A brochure of the trips will be mailed to the seniors. If there is a friend or relative who does not live in the Van Buren County area, but would like to go on a senior trip, that person can obtain a ~~pass~~ **PASSPORT**. Around 3 years ago, Arlington Township only had 51 members; today there are 168 members. You need to be 60 years old to join Senior Services.

Commissioner's Report: Kurt Doroh attended an organizational meeting of the county commissioners on January 6 where he was elected the chair of the board. A draft of the Facilities Master Plan was presented on January 13. A new 911 emergency call center has been recommended. A parks and recreation plan was adopted and is required to maintain grant funding. County Commissioner, Randy Peat, passed away on February 9. His funeral will be on February 21.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Douglas explained the system of property tax collection and the disbursement of funds received to the various entities such as: schools, library, senior services, roads, etc. Only 4% of the funds go to Arlington Township for its operations. A budget workshop will be held this Saturday, February 21 at 9:00am at the townhall. Questions regarding the township's investments were answered.

Jeff Douglas presented the estimates for printing and mailing the assessment notices. Three bids were obtained: Allegra \$1313.34, KCI \$1586.24 and Marana Group \$1890.98.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to accept the bid from Allegra for \$1313.34 to print and mail the assessment notices. Susan Wilson supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, Susan Wilson, and Georgette Peterson were all in favor. Motion carried.

Approval is needed to pay the January 22, 2026 to February 18, 2026 expenses. Checks with 02/18/2026 dates are post board approval payments; checks dated prior to this date were issued prior to board approval per township policy, or were previously approved by the board.

Ted Swanson made a motion to approve payment of the expenses. Susan Wilson supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report: Peggy Douglas reported that two seats are open on the Planning Commission (PC). The public hearing for the draft Master Plan is scheduled for March 4 at 6:00pm. The notice for this was published on February 5. Comments regarding the plan will be heard at that time. McKenna is currently drafting new zoning ordinances which will be reviewed by the PC over the coming year. More PC meetings will need to be planned. The zoning map has been officially updated with the latest changes. The map has been framed and will hang in the clerk's office.

Marijuana Coordinator's Report:

Grow Arlington (Sterling Heights Technology) – 52981 28th Ave., Bangor MI 49013. Parcel No. 80-03-009-003-01. Applicant is Stephen Turner. 7 Licenses: GA-2021-7, GM-2021-70, GA-2021-53, GM-2021-54, GA-2021-55, GA-2021-71, GA-2021-72. There were no township nor state complaints.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew/approve the 7 licenses and SUP for Grow Arlington. Ted Swanson supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Green Mitten – 34041 CR 681, Bangor MI 49013. Parcel No. 80-03-018-014-20. Application signed by member, Omar Hishmeh. 10 Licenses: GM-2021-10, GM-2021-64, GM-2021-65, GM-2021-66, GM-2021-76, GM-2021-68, GM-2021-88, GA-2021-85, GA-2021-86, GA-2021-87. There were no township complaints and state violation were cured.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew/approve the 10 licenses and SUP for Green Mitten. Susan Wilson supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Green Arrow (d/b/a Red Arrow Company – previously Kula and Red Arrow) – 34280 56th Street, Bangor MI 49013. Parcel No. 80-03-018-007-00. Applicant Kula Farms. Application signed by member, Fares Jaghab. 26 Licenses: GR-C-0002777, GR-C-0002833, AU-G-C-000338, AU-G-C-000337, AU-G-C-000210, AU-G-C-000211, AU-G-C-000209, PM-2021-20, PA-2021-30, AU-P-000144, PR-000100, AU-G-C-000209, AU-G-C-000210, AU-G-C-000211, AU-G-C-000337, AU-G-C-000338, AU-G-C-0002828, AU-G-C-0002829, GR-C-0002830, GR-C-0002831, GR-C-0002832, GR-C-000708, GR-C-000709, GR-C-000848, GR-C-000849, GR-C-000850. There were no township nor state complaints.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew/approve the 26 licenses and SUP for Green Arrow (d/b/a Red Arrow Company). Jeff Douglas supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Green Standard Cultivation, LLC – 51661 28th Ave., Bangor, MI 49013. Parcel No. 80-03-010-002-00. Applicant is James Deweese. 3 Licenses: AU-G-C-000220, AU-G-C-000221, GR-C-000316. There were no township nor state complaints.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew/approve the 3 licenses and SUP for Green Standard Cultivation. Ted Swanson supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Libby Holdings, LLC (Arlington Land Holdings) – 52570 38th Ave., Bangor, MI 49013. Parcel No. 80-03-021-026-00. Applicant is Ron Schafer. 5 Licenses: AU-G-C-000843, AU-G-C-000882, AU-G-C-000883, AU-G-C-000884, AU-G-C-000885. There were no township nor state complaints.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew/approve the 5 licenses and SUP for Libby Holdings. Jeff Douglas supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Statements were made regarding the road commission and assessment statements. Kenny Clevenger, who is running for State Senate, introduced himself.

New Business:

Transfer Station Attendant – Ted Swanson stated that the station attendant has not shown up a couple of times to work at the recycling center.

Ted Swanson made a motion to terminate the current transfer station attendant. Georgette Peterson supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, Susan Wilson, and Georgette Peterson were all in favor. Motion carried. Discussion: Georgette will write a termination letter. She had an idea of contacting the Vo-Tech Center to see if someone there would be interested in the position. Ted can open up the center on the days it is scheduled to be open for the winter hours.

(Correction to minutes: Discussion took place after the motion was made and voted on.)

Assessor's Estimates for Mailing – Completed under the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

Planning Commission Nomination – Georgette Peterson introduced Kevin Haverkamp who is interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to nominate Kevin Haverkamp to the Planning Commission. Jeff Douglas supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mobile Food Pantry - Susan Wilson contacted Kia Gray from Senior Services to see if hosting the mobile food pantry could occur at either East Arlington or Bangor Baptist Church where there is more parking. Kia has not responded yet to Susan's inquiry.

Flag Pole Repair – Jeff Douglas looked into other inexpensive options to fix the flag pole. Out on a Limb tree service is willing to assist us with their bucket lift for \$100 per hour. Jeff suggested that a manual rope and pulley system would be easier to work with. It was suggested to inquire about a solar light.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to approve up to \$400.00 to repair the flag pole. Jeff Douglas supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Ted Swanson, Yes - Jeff Douglas, No - Susan Wilson, Yes - Georgette Peterson. Motion carried.

IT – TeamLogic – At the January 2026 board meeting, Jeff Douglas discussed the need for IT and phone services. After reviewing other companies' services and pricing, the township's best option would be to contract with TeamLogic for phone, email, computer software, security camera monitoring and managed services.

Jeff Douglas made a motion to contract with TeamLogic for the above services for an initial/one-time set-up cost of ~~≤ \$1,500.00~~ and a monthly fee of ~~≤ \$900.00~~ for all services which includes 4 phones. Ted Swanson supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, Susan Wilson, and Georgette Peterson all in favor. Motion carried.

(Correction to minutes: During the motion no dollar amounts were stated. Financials were disclosed on the proposal which was included in the board packet.)

Website – Jeff Douglas sought out a few different website services, looking for easier to use software than what we currently use. Jeff contacted the current website provider, Jake with MI Web Design & Development who uses WordPress software, to see if there was an up-to-date and more user-friendly version of the software. Jake custom built the current website to make it bullet proof from being hacked. Jake can train us on how to manage the current site with tips on how to more easily maneuver it. This would take a few hours. He charges \$200.00 per hour. Jake can also make sure our website is ADA compliant which is needed by April of 2027.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to spend ≤ \$500.00 for training on the current website. Ted Swanson supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, Susan Wilson, and Georgette Peterson all in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Susan Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Seconded by Ted Swanson. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Douglas
Peggy Douglas
Administrative Assistant

Susan Wilson, Clerk