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

Ted Swanson, Trustee
Matt Kuzma, Trustee

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

October 21, 2026

Georgette Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Roll Call: Matt Kuzma, Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, & Georgette Peterson all present.
Absent: Susan Wilson
Others Present: Scott Graham, Arlington Township Attorney

Jim Funke, husband to Annie Davidson-Funke passed away. There will be a graveside service at Hoppin Cemetery this Saturday at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served afterward at the American Legion.

Approval of Agenda: Jeff Douglas made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Matt Kuzma. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved Consent Agenda Reports:

Assessor's Report
Supervisor's Report
Clerk's Report
Marijuana Coordinator's Report
Election Administrator's Report was added.

Motion was made by Ted Swanson to approve the Consent Agenda Reports, supported by Matt Kuzma. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ted Swanson to approve the September 16, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes, supported by Jeff Douglas. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports

Law Enforcement: Deputy Daniel

There was a total of 53 calls for the month of September. A Noise Ordinance violation was given to Frida's Cantina.

Fire Departments:

Arlington, Bangor City, and Bangor Township (ABB): Derek Babcock
There was a total of 34 calls for the month of September. Eight of those calls were for Arlington Township (6 medical, 1 illegal burn, 1 vehicle accident). Sixteen students will attend the fire academy in January. The fire department will assist trick or treaters in Bangor at the intersections on Halloween night. The ABB bylaws are to be reviewed. Two board members from each of the three areas we serve are asked to form a committee and meet in November to start reviewing the bylaws.

Lawrence Township Emergency Services (LTES):
There was a total of 41 calls for the month of September. Nine were for Arlington Township. Three people from Lawrence will be attending Bangor's fire academy in January. Also three people completed EMR training.

Senior Service's Report: No report.

Commissioner's Report: Kurt Doroh

Working on a long-range plan which includes the courthouse where more space is needed. The sheriff's quarters may be removed. Per the medical examiner's report for 2025, there were 557 deaths in Van Buren County. Of those deaths, 221 were reported to the medical examiner (166 natural deaths, 42 accidents, 9 suicides, 2 homicides, & 2 other). Deaths by age range: 1 death under age 1; ages 26-44 = 27; 45-64 = 62; and over 65 = 131. Cremation permits were up at 78% in 2025. Last year was 76%.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Douglas

The treasurer's report shows many voided checks due to the collate feature of a new printer.

Approval is needed to pay the September 17, 2026, to October 21, 2026, expenses. Checks with 10/20/2026 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 as outlined in the report. Matt Kuzma supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Matt Kuzma, Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, and Georgette Peterson were all in favor. Motion carried.**

Fund rollovers/transfers are needed as follows:

Need approval to rollover Greenway Bank CD ($250,000) to a new 12-month CD with the best interest rate (currently at 4.5%) and to rollover Banc of California CD ($250,000) to a new 24-month CD with the best interest rate (currently at 4.95%).

> **Ted Swanson made a motion to rollover the Greenway Bank CD for $250,000 to a 12-month Goldman Sach MM with the current interest rate of 4.5% and to rollover the Banc of California CD for $250,000 to a 24-month JP Morgan MM with a current interest rate of 4.95%. Matt Kuzma supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Matt Kuzma, Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, and Georgette Peterson were all in favor. Motion carried**

Need approval to transfer $15,000 from JP Morgan MM to MBL checking for the anticipated October to November 2026 expenses. The Marijuana SUP renewal funds are anticipated in late November through December 2026.

> **Ted Swanson made a motion to transfer $15,000 from the JP Morgan MM to the MBL checking account for the anticipated expenses. Matt Kuzma supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Matt Kuzma, Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, and Georgette Peterson were all in favor. Motion carried.**

Jeff continued collecting Summer 2026 property taxes. Completed tax disbursements to Van Buren County. Entered L-4029 millages into BS&A to develop winter property tax statements. Processed 9 building permits and 4 zoning compliance permits. Drove around the Township evaluating road conditions and documented this with pictures.

Planning Commission Report: Peggy Douglas

A Planning Commission (PC) meeting was held on September 24, 2026, where a public hearing took place for Shoreline Select was held to review a special land use and site plan for a processing marijuana license facility. Ryan and Russ from Shoreline were the only attendees at the meeting and answered many questions. The PC went through 27 questions pertaining to special land use and site plan review standards. A motion was made to recommend to the Board as follows:

Mike Gilbert motioned for the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to approve Shoreline Select's LLC application subject to certain conditions based on the review of the special use request, site plan, presentation of the applicants, there were no public comments made, discussion among the PC members, and requirements being met. The conditions are as follows:

- A phase 3 is shown on the site plan and does not currently exist. Shoreline Select has no desire to add this phase 3 and will not have approval to do so. Phase1 and 2 exist and will be used.
- Shoreline Select will maintain any outdoor landscaping such as grass cutting.

Kevin Haverkamp supported the motion. All PC members approved and the motion carried.

Scott Graham was consulted prior to the PC having their meeting and stated that the PC and Board would be authorized to approve their application based on procedures and conditions being met. Ryan from Shoreline Select spoke. They will be performing wholesale extraction and working with farmers. Will have 6 to 12 employees to start. They are approved by the State and have the insurance needed. The building will be leased but not affiliated with the previous processor.

New Business:

Shoreline Request for Processing License: Georgette Peterson

The Planning Commission made their recommendation to approve Shoreline Select's request.

Jeff Douglas made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation of Shoreline Select's request for a marijuana processing license which includes Phases 1 and 2. Matt Kuzma supported the motion. Jeff stated a lot of questions were asked and answered satisfactorily. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Resignation: Georgette Peterson

Susan Wilson, Township clerk, has some personal matters occurring and is needing to stay at home. She would like to resign, however; her resignation can't be accepted until we have a replacement. We are looking for a clerk, if anyone knows of someone. They would need to reside in Arlington Township.

Old Business:

2027 Road Planning Form: Georgette Peterson

Jeff Douglas made a motion to continue with the 2026 road plan. Ted Swanson supported the motion. Discussion: Jeff would like to increase the seal coat & fog mileage, as well as de-berming, to 4% for 2027. Roll Call Vote: Matt Kuzma, Ted Swanson, Jeff Douglas, and Georgette Peterson were all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Update on housing rehab grant
Report on StoneCo lawsuit
CR 376

StoneCo Status: Scott Graham

Scott has been working on a detailed timeline of events pertaining to StoneCo's litigation. An email was received from a resident requesting a report pertaining to the history, lawsuit, and damages regarding StoneCo. Because the request seeks components of privilege and work product, Scott recommends that the Board review and discuss the privileged

work product, in closed session. If the Board wishes Scott to prepare a response that addresses the points contained in the email; they instruct him to do so. The Board would have the information needed to decide on whether the entire report gets presented or parts of it.

Georgette Peterson made a motion to request Attorney Graham to prepare a response which addresses the points requested, per the email, and present it in a closed session. Ted Swanson supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Flagler Avenue Update: Scott Graham

Scott has requested a process server. Not sure if Mr. Philips has been served. The court will set a date for the hearing. New photos will be obtained just prior to the court date to try and obtain an interim order. A defense may be raised that the property owner and occupant were given permission to use the property as it is currently being used.

Adjournment: Matt Kuzma motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Seconded by Jeff Douglas. All in favor. Motion carried.

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