

# MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

August 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth Panek at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Jody Hunt, Mary Warren, Kenneth Panek, William Jacobi, Wayne Schultz, Deputy Nitz, Tim Anderson, Building Inspector , Commissioner Kirkpatrick and 29 residents.

Absent - None

**MOTION:** By Mary Warren to add two items to the agenda:

1. Resolution for withdrawing from the pension 401(k) plan
2. The inner local park agreement.

**SECONDED:** By Jody Hunt. No vote was ever taken.

Clerk Warren read a resolution that would enable the five board members to withdraw from the pension 401(k) plan. Warren also stated that she has never received any kind of compensation for administrating the pension plan.

Supervisor Panek said we can't act on this resolution without a legal opinion so Clerk Warren will call the attorney Tuesday morning.

As for the inner local park agreement, Warren went to a meeting with Millington Township and the Village of Millington. They would like to have a meeting of all three full boards in October to discuss the inner local agreement.

**MOTION:** By Jody Hunt to pay bills and payroll.

**SECONDED:** By William Jacobi. Roll call vote. William Jacobi, yes; Jody Hunt, yes; Mary Warren, yes; Wayne Schultz, no; Kenneth Panek, yes subject to audit report.

**MOTION:** By Jody Hunt to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 meeting.

**SECONDED:** By William Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Panek gave a 20 minute report on his activities for the last 8 months.

**MOTION:** By Mary Warren to amend the 2013-2014 revenue budget of the General Fund in the amount of \$573.30, the expenditure budget of the General Fund in the amount of \$250.00, and the revenue budget of the Fire Fund in the amount of \$198.72.

**SECONDED:** By Jody Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** By Jody Hunt to approve the purchase of a wireless modem for the police vehicle and pay between \$20.00 and \$50.00 per month for the contract to operate it.

**SECONDED:** By Mary Warren. Roll call vote. William Jacobi, yes; Mary Warren, yes; Wayne Schultz, yes; Jody Hunt, yes; Kenneth Panek, yes.

Supervisor Panek presented a proposal from Spicer where by for an extra \$6,000.00 they would combine our Master Plan (the planning commission is presently working on) with a recreational plan. They say we need this plan in order to be able to apply for grants.

Lana Martell and Peggy Metro stated that the park board paid over \$10,000.00 to Rowe Engineering to write them a Master Plan and recreational plan. They tried over and over for grants but the state only seems to give grants to parks that have waterways attached to them.

**MOTION:** By Wayne Schultz to approve the expenditure to Spicer Group.

**SECONDED:** By Kenneth Panek. No vote was ever taken.

Supervisor Panek presented another proposal from TDS Telecom to purchase a new phone system bundled with an internet package. When you called the township you would get a menu such as, for the supervisor push 1, clerk push 2 and so on.

Clerk Warren asked why would we switch from Charter Internet to TDS DSL which is slower and not as efficient.

Treasurer Hunt said we are not that large of a township that we need such a sophisticated phone service. A lot of the calls the township receives they don't know who they want to talk to.

**MOTION:** By Jody Hunt to keep the current phone plan we have now.

**SECONDED:** By Mary Warren. Roll call vote. William Jacobi, yes; Mary Warren, yes; Jody Hunt, yes; Wayne Schultz, yes; Kenneth panek, yes.

Supervisor Panek asked the clerk to include more background information in the minutes instead of just the motions, which is all that is required by law.

What exactly would you like the clerk to include?

The fact that it cost the township \$275.00 for 5 tractor tires you accepted when you were notified ahead of time by the county it would cost us \$55.00 a tire if we accepted tractor tires.

The fact that Trustee Schultz would rather buy new rags and mops each week at the cost of (rags \$10.00 a bundle) (wet mops at \$5.00 a piece) and (disposable dry mops at \$70.00 each) to clean the hall after a weekend rental rather than pay one of our maintenance people \$23.30 to wash them in her own washing machine.

The fact that the clerk changed the lock on her office door with only herself and the treasurer having keys.

After 3 phone messages the road commission foreman had to come to the office when supervisor Panek was here to get him to tell him what roads he wanted the 3000 yds of gravel put on.

No matter how much I add or don't add, it will be too much or not enough. Be careful what you ask for.

**MOTION:** By William Jacobi to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

**SECONDED:** By Mary Warren, all ayes, motion carried.

The above are "proposed minutes" subject to approval at the next board meeting September 9, 2013.

Mary C. Warren, Township Clerk