

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2014

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

ROLL CALL: Present – Mary Warren, Kenneth Panek, Jody Hunt, Wayne Schultz
Tim Anderson, Building Inspector, Deputy Oliver, and 21 residents.
Absent -William Jacobi

William Jacobi's wife died March 6th and the funeral was today so he was absent from the meeting.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to pay bills and payroll.

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

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting.

SECONDED: By Kenneth Panek, all ayes, motion carried.

The park is working on a grant to put the bridge in place.

The budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015 was discussed. Warren and Hunt did not want to approve the budget without some changes being made. Warren also felt that the entire board should approve the budget and trustee Jacobi wasn't present. The supervisor said we had a quorum and that's all we needed. Hunt didn't get the budget until Friday and trustee Jacobi hasn't seen it at all.

MOTION: By Mary Warren to hold a special township board meeting on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the budget so the board would have more time to request changes from the supervisor.

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

The supervisor introduced communication from the State Bureau of Construction Codes- Application to administer and enforce the state construction codes. The supervisor said he had no idea who had put in a complaint to them about our building permit system.

Warren said the supervisor gave that communication to her over a week ago and said he didn't have a clue how to fill it out. Clerk Warren filled out the application and mailed it to the State Bureau of Construction Codes and have not heard back from them yet.

There was considerable discussion about one of our trustees soliciting bids for mowing the cemeteries and hall and snowplowing. One of our residents felt he shouldn't go behind the township board's back and solicit bids.

We tabled making a decision on appointing an alternate electrical inspector until we know how much he will charge for an inspection. Travis Cooper, our electrical inspector, wanted a backup inspector in case he performed electrical work in our township as he can't inspect his own work.

MOTION: By Mary Warren to approve the Farmland Agreement, PA116 for Allen and Cynthia Keinath, parcel #79-003-009-300-0300 for 30 years.

SECONDED: By Wayne Schultz, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Mary Warren to pay our \$500.00 to the Thumb Narcotics Unit.

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

MOTION: By Mary Warren to amend the 2013-2014 Revenue Budget of the General Fund in the amount of \$2,086.36 and the 2013-2014 Expenditure Budget of the General Fund in the amount of \$4,212.55.

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

MOTION: By Mary Warren to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

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

The above are “proposed minutes” subject to approval at the next board meeting April 14, 2014.