

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joe White at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Joseph White, William Jacobi, Jody Hunt, Donald Dallas, Deputy Nitz, Commissioner Peterson, and four residents.

Absent - None

MOTION: By Jacobi to excuse Mary Warren from the meeting as she is on vacation..

SECONDED: By Dallas, all ayes, motion carried.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: October 12, 2009

MOTION: By Hunt to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2009 regular meeting.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Jody said we are still not settling with the bank statements. We will meet with a bank representative on Nov. 20, 2009 to try to decrease our finance charges.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISB.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
General Fund	\$ 5,343.57	\$ 86,304.96	\$ 42,404.06
Fire Assessment Fund	27.25	18,268.44	77,554.97
Police Fund	464.60	8,692.32	299,248.20
Garbage Fund	50.04	12,334.62	163,603.12
Bldg. Insp. Fund	944.26	864.11	993.72
Neighborhood Watch	0.00	0.00	364.73
Hall Rental Deposits	500.00	500.00	2,610.00
Current Tax Fund	159,721.61	221,173.40	6,869.84
Fire withholding	0.00	0.00	0.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARK BOARD:

Don said the park received a grant for \$12,000.00 to extend the parking lot by the soccer fields. The only string attached is it can only be used for parking. Don said they received 3 or 4 bids on erecting a bridge and the lowest bid came in at \$95,000.00. The park is closed for the season and Joe reminded residents of the sign up sheet for the park pavilions is at the Millington Township office. Sign up for each year begins on the first day of spring.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Jody said state aid keeps getting cut, but fortunately we have the millage to support us. It is very important that we renew the millage in 4 years. Other libraries have to cut hours because they don't have the state aid to keep operating.

FIRE BOARD REPORT:

Joe said they had 0 structure fires, 1 power line standbys, 2 mutual aid, 1 motor vehicle accident, 3 misc. calls, 0 false alarm, and 23 E.M.S. responses in October. Joe said they hired two new firemen, T. Bamberg and J. Mallard Jr. They also voted to increase the cost of runs in to Vassar and Tuscola Townships to \$500.00 for the first hour and \$250.00 for each hour after that. Joe will send a letter to each of these townships to let them know. The new jaws of life are in and able to be used. The actual cost for the jaws did not exceed the quote.

MOTION: By Jacobi to approve the hiring of the two new firemen.

SECONDED: By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

There were 2 building and 1 electrical permits issued in October. No valuation.

WORK PROJECTS REPORT:

Bill said John and Deb are still raking leaves in the cemeteries. The light was installed on the top of the truck. Bill is done mowing roadsides for the season.

POLICE REPORT:

Deputy Nitz said we had 4 property crime, 0 assaults, 10 general non-criminal assistance, 3 traffic complaints, 3 accidents and 18 other complaints. Complaints handled by the township's two officers was 38, non-Arbela sheriff's patrol was 11 and state police 0.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

Joe said after paying all food and other costs, the social club made a total of \$652.74 from the Spaghetti dinner. Donations of \$29.00 were given at the lunch in October which brings the total to \$681.74 in the social club fund. Joe asked for donations of kitchen items that can be used at future dinners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION: By Hunt to amend the 2009-2010 revenue budget of the General Fund in the amount of \$178.00.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Hunt to amend the 2009-2010 expenditure budget of the General Fund in the amount of \$160.00.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: By Hunt to approve Christmas bonuses for the maintenance workers in the same amount as last year.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Hunt to approve the cost of the Michigan Townships Association Conference in January for Joe White and Don Dallas.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

The cost for non-residents to purchase graves was discussed. Joe would like to get some input from township residents on what they would like us to do. He is thinking that we should raise the cost to \$1,200.00 for non-residents. Jerry Peterson said Tuscola Township charges a small fee to residents and does not allow outsiders to be buried in their cemetery. Some residents said they think it should just be for our residents. Joe would like to take a few months to discuss this further.

MOTION: By Hunt to pay the bills and payroll.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Jacobi to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

SECONDED: By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

Mary C. Warren, Township Clerk