

**MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**September 14, 2009**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mary Warren, Joseph White, William Jacobi, Jody Hunt, Donald Dallas, Tim Anderson, Sheriff Teschendorf, Undersheriff Skrent, Michelle and Roger from the Road Commission, Commissioner Peterson, and six residents.

Absent - None

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** August 10 2009

**MOTION:** By Jacobi to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2009 regular meeting.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISB.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
General Fund	\$ 5,340.91	\$ 18,386.67	\$ 102,931.97
Fire Assessment Fund	32.07	0.00	95,765.49
Police Fund	540.08	12,009.94	316,491.18
Garbage Fund	67.15	12,334.62	188,162.09
Bldg. Insp. Fund	651.39	470.64	1,331.74
Neighborhood Watch	0.00	0.00	364.73
Hall Rental Deposits	375.00	375.00	2,610.00
Current Tax Fund	107,574.21	65,658.85	66,587.21
Fire withholding	0.00	0.00	0.00

**MOTION:** By Warren to amend the agenda and add Commissioner Peterson.

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

Commissioner Peterson asked if we would be interested in joining with other townships and the county and have an aerial mapping done of the county.

He said the county commissioners would hold there next meeting here at Arbela on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. He asked us to think about what we are looking for from the county in the next 5 to 10 years. He said Tuscola County has 19% unemployment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Michelle, the engineer from the Tuscola County Road Commission was present to try and explain why the Lewis Road costs were 26,993.17 over what they told us it would be. Her explanation was they did more work than originally planned when she gave us the estimate. They said since it was their fault, we could wait and pay the \$26,993.17 next budget year.

**PARK BOARD:**

They are still taking bids on a road in the park to get to the other side of the creek. They are thinking about having a carnival at the park. The park will remain open until mid October.

**LIBRARY BOARD:**

Jody said Governor Granholm is proposing to close the state library which would be the end of the Mel-Cat program and state aid. Thank goodness we have a millage or the library would only be open 1 day a week.

**FIRE BOARD REPORT:**

Joe said they had 2 structure fires, 1 mutual aid, 3 accidents, 3 misc. calls, 1 false alarm, and 37 E.M.S. responses in August.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Anderson said there were 3 building, 1 electrical, and 1 mechanical permit issued in August. The valuation was \$78,500.00.

**WORK PROJECTS REPORT:**

Bill said everything is going smooth and it's time to start raking leaves. We received a compliment from a resident on how nice the cemeteries all look.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Sheriff Teschendorf said we had 3 property crime, 0 assaults, 4 general non-criminal assistance, 1 traffic complaints, 2 accidents and 4 other complaints. Complaints handled by the township's two officers was 14, non-Arbela sheriff's patrol was 28 and state police 4.

Undersheriff Skrent said the car radio went out and had to be repaired. The Thumb Narcotics Unit received a \$400,000.00 federal grant over a 3 year period and they are going to use \$174,000.00 to assign a Tuscola County Deputy to the unit for 3 years. The undersheriff has put in for a grant that would put defibrillators in all the police cars.

**MOTION:** By Warren to renew the police contract with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department for one year (from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010).

**SECONDED:** By Hunt. Roll call vote. Dallas, yes; Hunt, yes; Warren, yes; Jacobi, yes; White, yes.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB**

Joe said they are actively selling tickets to the October 8th spaghetti dinner fund raiser. We will also have a silent auction. St. Helena's Church people in Clio volunteered help to cook and the use of their pans.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was a roadside ditch hearing last Wednesday on Lewis Road between Sergent and Murphy Lake Road. Two of the residents did not come so we still don't know if all the property owners agree with cleaning the ditch or not.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** By Warren to approve the Farmland Agreement (P.A. 116) for Roy and Erna Maurer in section 23 for 20 years.

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

**MOTION:** By Hunt to approve the Farmland Agreement (P.A. 116) for Gary and Kelly Maurer in section 8 for 30 years.

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

We closed the bathroom in the Pine Grove Cemetery which was gross and are renting a porta potty from Tom O'Hearn, who gave us a good deal. If the porta potty works out we will later put one in the other two cemeteries.

We installed a new phone system in the offices purchased from TDS for \$2,467.50.

**MOTION:** By Warren to appoint Jim Bucy to the planning commission to replace Calvin Lincoln. His term will end in May, 2012.

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

**MOTION:** By Warren to pay the bills and payroll.

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

**THE BILLS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**MOTION:** By Jacobi to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

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

Mary C. Warren, Township Clerk