

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

June 8, 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, Deputy Rogner, Tim Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Wilcox and three residents.
Absent - None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: May 11, 2009

MOTION: By Jacobi to approve the minutes from the May 11, 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	\$ 58,254.12	\$ 21,593.36	\$ 121,366.00
Fire Assessment Fund	7,859.75	0.00	104,088.33
Police Fund	16,846.81	8,011.88	343,117.99
Garbage Fund	24,308.59	12,334.62	225,026.28
Bldg. Insp. Fund	.13	49.00	1,023.44
Neighborhood Watch	0.00	0.00	364.73
Hall Rental Deposits	0.00	375.00	3,235.00
Current Tax Fund	.01	0.00	165.18
Fire withholding	0.00	0.00	0.00

Joe opened the bids for the 2005 Chevrolet police car. There were 9 sealed bids. They ranged from lowest \$1,100.00 to highest, \$3,751.00.

MOTION: By Dallas to accept the bid from Martin Damm Jr. for \$3,751.00 for the 2005 Chevrolet police car.

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

MOTION: By Warren to destroy the bids for the 1998 Chevrolet Truck, which were opened at the May meeting.

SECONDED: By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARK BOARD:

Don said the park board voted on a new alarm system for the park. They asked for bids and selected Sonitrol Security. Their attorney said before they asked the voters for a 20 year millage, they should have a 20 year plan of what they would do with the money each year.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Jody said the house adjacent to the library is gone, the trees and stumps have been removed, the drain is in and the ground leveled.

FIRE BOARD REPORT:

Joe said the front pump on the fire truck broke, but the repair people came to the fire hall and repaired it.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

Tim Anderson said there were four building permits issued in May. They were all additions. The estimated valuation was \$95,000.00

WORK PROJECTS REPORT:

Bill said everything has been running on an even keel. We had new running boards installed on the truck. When it rained, Deb waxed the truck. We had to replace a couple of wheels on the John Deere Tractor. We have the big tractor back from Flint New Holland after it's inspection and Bill will start mowing roadsides on Tuesday.

POLICE REPORT:

Deputy Rogner said we had 1 property crime, 0 assaults, 9 general non-criminal assistance, 1 traffic complaints, 2 accidents and 10 other complaints. Complaints handled by the township's two officers was 23, non-Arbela sheriff's patrol was 14 and state police 2. Chris said by the end of the month two more state troopers will be laid off.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

Joe said they are in summer recess and will meet again in September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe went over the zoning amendments on On Site Wind Energy Systems and Anemometers, Commercial Wind Energy Systems and Anemometer towers, Section 6.04.1 A-1 zoning district regulations and 6.04.2 RR-1 zoning district regulations. The planning commission has been working on these amendments for five months. He would like the board to look them over and suggest changes. We will vote on the amendments at the July 13 regular board meeting.

At the May meeting we read the Emergency Run Charges Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to try and recover monies from accidents within the township by people outside the township. We tabled it until the June meeting so we could send it to the attorney as there wasn't a clause in it exempting township residents from the costs. Under #5 Exemptions it now reads: Emergency run charges for services provided to residents of the township, and for property owned by residents of the township.

MOTION: By Jacobi to adopt the Emergency Run Charges Ordinance No. 2009-2.

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

We discussed the Sweep Account we have the township monies in. The interest rate has dropped so low we are paying too much in service charges. We will eliminate the service charges and make more interest (not much) by placing the monies in a savings/checking account.

MOTION: By Jacobi to change the bank accounts from a Sweeps Account to a traditional savings/checking account.

SECONDED: By Dallas, all ayes, motion carried.

Joe gave us an update on the roads. Millington Road from Bray Road to Vassar Road has been re-surfaced. Buell Road from Barnes to Millington Road has been resurfaced. Belsay Road is not resurfaced yet. On Lewis Road the trees have been removed, the ditches dug and they changed the direction of the road. He also passed out a rating report from the Tuscola County Road Commission on all the black topped roads in the county. They had a rating of 1-10 with 1 being closest to turning that road back to gravel. He said a lot of townships are turning their black topped road back to gravel, as the cost to resurface a mile is now \$61,000.00.

Mr. and Mrs Paul Wilcox were present to ask for 2 graves in the Newton/Compau Cemetery. Mr. Wilcox said his father told him in 1973 that he had purchased an 8 grave lot and they could be buried there. There should have been two graves left in the lot, but the vaults are so much larger now there is no room in that lot. He is asking for 2 graves close to that lot.

MOTION: By Hunt to table the request from Mr. & Mrs. Wilcox until the July meeting so the board has more time to look into the situation.

SECONDED: By Dallas, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Warren to pay the bills and payroll.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

THE BILLS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION: By Jacobi to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

SECONDED: By Warren, all ayes, motion carried.

Mary C. Warren, Township Clerk