

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

March 9, 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 and five residents.
Absent - None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: February 9, 2009

MOTION: By Jacobi to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2009 regular meeting.
SECONDED: By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Warren to amend the agenda for the three February 18, 2009 hearing minutes
SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Hunt to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2009 Truth & Taxation Hearing.
SECONDED: By Dallas, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Warren to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2009 Road Hearing.
SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Hunt to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2009 Budget Hearing.
SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISB.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
General Fund	\$ 6,876.49	\$ 36,443.33	\$ 45,222.97
Fire Assessment Fund	25.36	0.00	64,712.97
Police Fund	96.23	13,505.75	232,035.38
Garbage Fund	45.93	12,334.62	104,860.85
Bldg. Insp. Fund	0.76	0.00	1,940.75
Neighborhood Watch	0.00	0.00	364.73
Hall Rental Deposits	500.00	375.00	2,860.00
Current Tax Fund	384,818.78	360,437.16	424,350.14
Fire withholding	0.00	7,443.00	0.00

Jody said she would be settling with the county on Thursday and we had 11% delinquent on the property taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARK BOARD:

Don said they have been clearing up master plan problems. The strip of land (2 ft. X 100 ft.) adjacent to the park has been signed over to the park, so the existing fence does not have to be moved. There will be a park breakfast Sunday, March 23 here at the hall.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Jody said the library board has hired Kappen Tree Service to remove brush and trees from the property adjacent to the library. They also received permission from Fairway Store to remove the Box Elder trees behind the library. They are keeping a Maple and a Mulberry tree. They have a building committee that will be drawing up specifications for the demolition of the house.

FIRE BOARD REPORT:

Joe said there were 0 structure fires, 0 chimney fires, 0 rubbish/grass fires, 0 power line standbys, 0 mutual aid, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 3 motor vehicle accidents requiring extrication, 7 weather related calls, 0 automobile fire, 1 false alarms and 21 E.M.S. response calls in February, 2009.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

No permits issued for February 2009.

WORK PROJECTS REPORT:

Bill said on April 1st all grave blankets and flowers will come off the graves. He said some kids in cars have been tearing up the driveways in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

POLICE REPORT:

Joe said we had 0 property crimes, 2 assaults, 5 general non-criminal assistance, 1 traffic complaints, 3 accidents and 8 other complaints. Complaints handled by the township's two officers was 19, non Arbela sheriff's patrol was 11 and state police 10. The new police car is still not done. They are modifying the front seat to make the computer more accessible to the deputy.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

Joe said the social club received \$29.00 in donations at the February meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: By Warren to pass the Budget Resolution to adopt the 2009-2010 budget in the amount of \$661,768.14.

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

Joe passed out his proposed road plans for 2009. He said a resident from Belsay Road, Millington to Murphy Lake was at the road hearing. They will need some gravel as will Gunnell Road.

MOTION: By Warren to approve the 2009 road plan as follows:

Belsay – Birch Run to Barnes – Single Seal Coat	\$66,870.00
Buell – Barnes to Millington – Bit Mat	64,060.00
Lewis – Barnes to Millington - Clear R.O.W., Ditching, Culverts	31,000.00
Barkley – Murphy Lake to Swaffer – Survey & Hearing	12,000.00
Township wide – 3000 Cu yds gravel	33,320.00

The Tuscola County Road Commission will give us \$25,000.00 toward our 2009 road bill if we agree to do the oldest mile which is Buell Road, Barnes to Millington.

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

MOTION: By Warren to amend the Revenue Budget (2008-2009) in the amount of \$124.13 and the Expenditure Budget (2008-2009) in the amount of \$216.59.

SECONDED: By Jacobi , all ayes, motion carried.

We discussed benches as headstones in the cemeteries. We said ok as long as it doesn't take any more room than a regular headstone. It cannot be made of wood or metal and must be purchased from a monument company.

MOTION: By Hunt to give the township clerk the authority to approve any bench headstones to be placed in the cemeteries prior to them being installed

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Warren to keep the same auditor we had last year (Rehmann, Robson).

SECONDED: By Dallas, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Warren to pass the resolution and adopt the Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

We discussed charging more for a Saturday or Sunday burial. Joe said that would be a raise and we agreed not to give anyone raises this year.

MOTION: By Warren to table the issue of Saturday or Sunday burial rates until the next budget year.

SECONDED: By Dallas, 4 ayes, 2 nay, motion carried.

MOTION: By Warren to pay the bills and payroll.

SECONDED: By Dallas, all ayes, motion carried.

THE BILLS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION: By Jacobi to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

SECONDED: By Warren, all ayes, motion carried.

Mary C. Warren, Township Clerk