MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

March 13th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Edward Hunt at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Timothy Anderson, Gary Woelzlein, Edward Hunt, Chelsea Sebert, Jody Hunt

Absent - None

MOTION: By Ed Hunt to amend the agenda and add February 15th Road and Budget Hearing minutes to agenda. **SUPPORT**: By Gary Woelzlein, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to approve the minutes of the February 13th, township board meeting. **SECONDED**: By Timothy Anderson, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Timothy Anderson to approve February 15th, road and budget minutes. **SUPPORT:** By Gary Woelzlein, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to pay bills and payroll. **SECONDED**: By Chelsea Sebert, all ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Edward Hunt gave the Fire Board report. The next meeting is on May 1st at 5:30pm.

Supervisor Edward Hunt gave the police report for the month of February. There was 35 traffic stops that were conducted with 8 citations issued. The average speed stopped was 70mph. One school bus violation was reported and is currently being handled. The deputy is currently busy working on a large number of fraud and child abuse cases. The new police vehicle is in service. There was a short pursuit on Willard Rd., leading into Baker Sub. The individual was stopped for reckless driving on Willard Rd. After providing his real name and date of birth he for some reason decided to flee on his 3-wheeler. The suspect resides in the subdivision, however was not located. A warrant request has been submitted to the Prosecutors Office. **The suspect was arrested the next day.**

The new jail will be voted on again come August. It is currently \$44 million and the cost will not go down it will only continue to increase over time with inflation. The jail has no fire suppression system in the basement. Mold is in the A/C system. The water fountain used by employees had raw sewage in it a few weeks ago. A new jail would cost taxpayers .98 cents per thousand of taxable value of their property.

The old police car has a recall on the toe link and will be fixed and put into the next sale.

Supervisor Edward Hunt gave a road update. Gravel roads are in poor condition due to ice, snow, and rain over the last few weeks. The agreements are here for asphalt and gravel and will be on the April agenda.

Supervisor Edward Hunt discussed Building & Grounds. The walk in fridge and cooler were both replaced and covered by the insurance, aside from the \$500.00 deductible. All furnaces were checked afterward to assure no farther issues.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adopt the 2023 budget resolution. **SECONDED**: By Chelsea Sebert. Roll call vote. Jody Hunt, yes; Timothy Anderson, yes; Chelsea Sebert, yes; Gary Woelzlein, yes; Ed Hunt, yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to table the fire budget until March 27th at 6:00pm for a special meeting. **SECONDED**: By Timothy Anderson. All ayes. Motion Carried.

MOTION: By Chelsea Sebert to pay thumb narcotics contributions of \$500.00. **SECONDED**: By Gary Woelzlein. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion: By: Chelsea Sebert to approve the budget amendments of funds 101-215-702.100 and 206-000-802.000. **Seconded**: By Jody Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. **SECONDED**: By Timothy Anderson, all ayes, motion carried.

Chelsea Sebert, Clerk

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