

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

November 10th, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: Present – Gary Woelzlein, Beth Duet, Jody Hunt, Tim Anderson, and Ed Hunt

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2025 meeting

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

MOTION: By Tim Anderson to approve the payment of bills and payroll

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, motion carried

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave the fire report. Next meeting is to be December 1, 2025 where they will be starting discussion on a budget as well as discussing Fire Equipment insurance coverage so as to make sure that there is enough coverage on all the equipment that if something were to happen, the equipment would be able to be replaced with a minimal of out of pocket costs. Tim Anderson inquired about the date again and when it was pointed out about the fact that December 1 is Christmas in the Village for Millington, Ed will bring that up to see if it would want to be rescheduled.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave police report. Deputy Fini completed 57 stops in the month of October, with 20 citations. She also completed 3 crash investigations, 7 non-criminal investigations

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave a road report. Roadside mowing is completed.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave a building and grounds update. The furnace is acting up and the repair people will be out on Tuesday November 11 to look at it. EMC insurance cost is going up and that will be on the December agenda. The preliminary drawing for bathrooms are back, but no pricing on materials and such yet.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to take the Cemetery ordinance off of the table to discuss **SUPPORT:** Tim Anderson, motion carried.

Discussion was had about wording in the ordinance and if the board liked what was in it and if the board were ready to adopt the ordinance or If the board wished to table it again until next month.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adopt the amended cemetery ordinance with the date change of November 10, 2025 **SUPPORT:** By Gary Woelzlein Roll call vote, Jody Hunt: yes, Beth Duet: yes, Gary Woelzlein: yes, Tim Anderson: yes, Ed Hunt: yes, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Brush spray 2026: Ed did not get ahold of Jacob Hecht but was able to get ahold of *INSERT NAME HERE* and they defined what some of the chemicals proposed by The Daltons were for. The garlon 3A is the same active ingredient in the more commonly known crossbow, the SCORP is an aquatic friendly chemical and the other chemical is a surfactant to help facilitate the effectiveness of the other chemicals.

MOTION: By Beth Duet to participate in the brush spray program for 2026 for the 12.5 miles with The Daltons **SUPPORT:** By Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Gas and Oil Supplier: Ed did some calling around about gas cards and pricing but it was determined that we would have to use Simons especially for the tractor and since we already had all the functional equipment on the premises to use already that we would stick with having fuel here at the township.

MOTION: BY Jody Hunt to hire Fairgrove Gas and Oil to be our Gas and Diesel distributor **SUPPORT:** By Beth Duet, motion carried

Garbage rate 2026: The garbage rate was 222.96 last year and with the raises in cost to the township from our servicer the new price would be 229.68

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to raise the garbage rate to 229.68 per unit **SUPPORT:** By Tim Anderson, motion carried

Christmas bonus: Discussion was had to supply the 6 maintenance workers with a \$125 Christmas bonus to be paid out in December.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to supply the 6 maintenance workers with a \$125 Christmas bonus **SUPPORT:** By Tim Anderson, motion carried

Lincoln Lawn Care: this was a piece of business that was handled last November, so the board is handling it again this November. Linc's Lawncare has handled the cemetery lawn care this past summer as well as the previous summer. He is asking for a cost increase, from the \$1800 per month currently to \$2100 per month for next year. The \$2100 would average out to \$175 per cemetery per week. Discussion was had about how well Lincoln keeps in contact with our Sexton, Estee as well as how there have been several citizen comments about how well the cemeteries are looking lately.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to keep Linc's Lawncare for the 2026 season at the asking price of \$2100 per month **SUPPORT:** By Gary Wolzlein, roll call vote, Tim Anderson: yes, Jody Hunt: yes, Beth Duet: yes, Gary Woelzlein: yes, Ed Hunt: yes, motion carried

Fee Schedule for no permits: There is seeming to be a sudden increase in the amount of projects that are being done on properties in the township without the residents seeking permits for these projects that do need permits. There have been a few shed installations, building demolitions, as well as a few other projects. It was discussed whether to institute a fee schedule going forward to handle these projects. It was determined that it is not out of hand yet, but the situation will be monitored and if more projects without correct permits are installed then the board will revisit the topic.

Road commission millings: Discussion was had regarding the intergovernmental agreement between the Tuscola County Road Commission and Arbela Township. Items discussed within the agreement included how much would be delivered, when it would possibly be delivered, signage and fencing around the affected area to help prevent unauthorized access and who would be responsible to paying for those expenses.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Tuscola County Road Commission and Arblea Township **SUPPORT:** By Tim Anderson, motion carried

Citizen Comments:

Kathie Athey thanked the board for hiring Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC and Spicer group to help and facilitate with the planning and execution of the meetings and other sundries associated with the application from Ranger Power.

MOTION: By Tim Anderson to adjourn at 6:52 pm

SUPPORT: Jody Hunt, motion carried

Beth Duet

Arbela Township Clerk