

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP ROAD AND BUDGET MEETING

February 23RD, 2026

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

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

ROAD HEARING

NEW BUSINESS:

The estimated projects to be done this year and their approximate costs would be as follows:

Pavement Marking – 7.5 Miles	\$6,000
Dust Control	\$17,900
Paving of Barnes Rd and a Short Distance on Barkley Rd (approx. 2mi)	\$223,000
1000 ton of gravel patch	\$25,000
Gunnell Road Ditch project	\$15,000
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	\$287,000

The estimated road tax revenue would be about \$181,000 and the township would also result in a County allowance of \$40,000 due to some of these projects being class 3 and class 4 projects, along with the roadside mowing that is done every year. This would leave the township to come out of the general fund in the approximate amount of \$66,000 after the road tax revenue and the county allowance.

Citizen Comments:

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adjourn at 6:07pm

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, motion carried

The Budget meeting was called to order by Supervisor Edward Hunt at 6:08 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from Joe White dated 2/22/2026 regarding wanting a reduction in the Township Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk's pay and seemingly decreased availability of those positions in office during scheduled office hours.

Salary Raises: The figures for the board and hourly were raised by 4%. The planning commission, zoning board of appeals and fire board were raised \$5 per meeting. The line for administrative assistant were removed for both the clerk as well the treasurer were removed as it was discussed that the Clerk and Treasurer handle most business on their own during normal operating hours and a need for an administrative assistant were not needed.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt to approve proposed salaries and wages for the 2026-2027 year

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, Roll call vote; Jody Hunt, yes; Beth Duet, yes; Tim Anderson, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried.

Gunnel Road Project: the board voted on it last board meeting so the agreement needed to be signed tonight (2/23/2026) and a check for half down for the drainage design from Spicer group to be done up at the next payables cycle.

2026 Hearing Rates: The current rates are not keeping up with the rising cost of publicating meeting hearings along with meeting costs and mailing letters to affected residents so the price of hearing rates, rezoning, special use permits, and ZBA meetings should be increased so that regular tax payers are not absorbing these costs of holding these meetings. So Rezoning hearing rates would go from \$600 to \$900, Special Use Permits would go from \$470 to \$675 and ZBA hearings would go from \$350 to \$550.

MOTION: by Beth Duet to accept the 2026 proposed hearing rates

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, Roll call vote; Jody Hunt, yes; Beth Duet, yes; Tim Anderson, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

MOTION: By Tim Anderson to adjourn at 6:32pm

SUPPORT: Jody Hunt, motion carried

Beth Duet

Arbela Township Clerk