

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

February 9th, 2026

The 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

MOTION: By Tim Anderson to approve the minutes of the February 09th, 2026 meeting

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, motion carried

MOTIN: By Jody Hunt to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Road and Budget Hearing Meeting

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, motion carried

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

SUPPORT: Jody Hunt, motion carried

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave the fire report. Next meeting for the fire board is April 6, 2026 at 5:30pm in Millington

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave police report. During the month of February, there were 19 stops conducted, with 8 citations being issued. Several citations were for moving violations such as disregarding stop signs, speeding and driving left of center. 2 criminal citations were issued as a result of traffic stops. 1 other citation was issued during the month of February by a Tuscola County Deputy not assigned to the township. 5 Criminal investigations took place within Arbela Township during the month of February. As a result of those criminal investigations, there were 3 felony arrests made. The assigned Arbela Township deputy conducted an investigation over the course of several weeks in February that led to the arrest of 2 individuals on February 27, 2026. The deputy also responded to 4 non-criminal calls for service, including responding to a traffic hazard, civil matters, and a school bus violation.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave a road report. The weight restrictions for the roads are on. The gravel roads will start being taken care of once the frost comes fully out and the roads dry up and heal up some more. There will be public hearings for the disbandment of the Road Commission Board on April 2 & 7 at 7p.m. at the people's building in Caro, or there is an option to participate virtually.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave an update on building and grounds. There are plans to work on a cemetery ground thawer for next year for full graves as well as a smaller one for cremains. There is a tree in Pine Grove that looks to be rotted that come April, should be looked at to come down.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Bill 2025 Season: The bill for the road projects from this last year after the allowances and what we've already paid out was \$62,371.50.

The Barnes Road agreement will be on the April Agenda.

Brush spray will be handled under the umbrella of last years' agreement.

Hall Bathrooms: With Gary not being here, the board will discuss this at the next meeting so that everyone is on board with this project. That being said, because the board will be approving the budget at this March meeting, there will need to be a budget amendment done if the project is approved.

Budget Resolution: Ed read through the overview of the budget resolution highlighting the main parts. The budget was evaluated with Revenues rounded down and the Expenditures rounded up. The board also went through the proposed budget for the 2026/2027 year and evaluated several different General Ledger lines, some were discussed to be eliminated. Some were eliminated prior to presenting the budget to the board due to redundancies for those items in the budget. Some showed significant increases due to bringing them back into line with where they should have been over the past several years. The purpose of several were described in greater detail.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adopt the 2026/2027 Budget Resolution

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, Roll Call Vote: Jody Hunt, yes; Beth Duet, yes; Tim Anderson, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried

Solar Project Update: The Township has received a check from Ranger Power in the amount of \$64,051.06. They also keep approaching the Township to see if the township would consider a settlement. Mild discussion was had as to whether it is the place of the board to make this decision, but it was immediately decided that the board did not have the power or inclination to overturn the decision by the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Budget Amendments: After moving money within funds to bring different General Ledgers within those funds back into balance, the only budget amendment that needed to be done was to move the newly received escrow check from Ranger Power.

MOTION: By Beth Duet to move \$64,051.06 from the solar escrow account to General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for what was moved to the Legal general ledger.

SUPPORT: Jody Hunt, motion carried

Citizen Comments:

June adamantly asked where the payroll check register was, due to an oversight it had not been printed, after the meeting it was printed and provided.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adjourn at 6:42pm

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, motion carried

Beth Duet

Arbela Township Clerk