

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

June 08th, 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, Gary Woelzlein and Ed Hunt

MOTION: By Beth Duet to approve the minutes of the May 11th, 2026 meeting

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, 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. The last meeting was June 1, 2026. There was a hose/pump test and all equipment passed the test. 2 new Firefighters passed their testing. A burn ban was instituted Friday June 5th and will remain in place until enough rain falls to mitigate a fire risk.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave police report. Introduction from our new assigned Deputy, Deputy Peterson. He grew up and graduated from Caro, studied at Ferris State University and obtained a degree in Criminal Justice. He was assigned to Millington Township from 2019 through around 2022. When he learned of Deputy Fini departing the department, he volunteered for this position. He states he is always happy to speak with residents and township staff and that if you see him around feel free to ask any questions, discuss concerns, or simply stop for a quick chat.

There is a limited statistics from May for Deputy Peterson due to limited amount of time in the township, he started in the township 5/20/2026, he handled 12 calls for service, 2 related to school bus violations which resulted in citations issued to drivers. He handled one death investigation which was regarding a natural sudden death of an elderly resident. Other calls were assisting emergency medical services, property damage, animal complaints, road hazards, abandoned vehicles and a civil property dispute. He conducted 10 traffic stops with 2 citations issued for speed. The highest speed observed was 74 mph on Birch Run Rd.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave a road report. Bray Rd is underway, with the millings being stored at the township. They are not for sale, they are the property of the Tuscola County Road Commission and will be used for future projects. The Barnes Rd project will be completed when they return to pave the approaches on Bray Rd. Several roads are being reported as being beaten up by manure haulers, however they are legally passing on the roads. Roadside mowing has been started with the processing going in reverse of last time due to several complaints of their area being the last to be done.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave an update on building and grounds. Cemetery compliance is a hot topic lately with graves being flagged for non-compliance. Foundations are to start being poured this week, weather permitting. There are signs ordered for the cemetery spigots to be labeled as non-potable water. The topic of Rule signs for the Cemeteries was brought up with the board directed to think about it and it will be discussed at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Survey for Cemetery: The board was supplied with a map with the GIS lines on it. This is brought up because there is a family that wants to put a bench and cut the fence that is on the neighboring property (with property owner permission) and remove several trees, again, on neighboring property. There is already a family that has done this on the other side of the cemetery. Would the board like to have a survey to see exactly where the boundary lines are and possibly find that the cemetery is over the property lines or within the property lines and where the changes are being proposed are actually within cemetery lines or outside of them?

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to allow the Supervisor to seek bids for a survey on Gunnell Cemetery

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, motion carried

Hall Rental-Small Group: The hall was contacted by the sugar beet factory for a 5 day training for about 20-30 people and it was made apparent that a need for a multi-day training contract was needed. Discussion was had over what would count as a multi-day rental and limits on how many would be allowed and other such sundries.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to establish a rental agreement with no food prep, no security, 3 day minimum, during day hours ONLY, no more than 30 people to be charged at \$5 a head.

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Participation in National Night Out: Discussion was had over to agree to the normal 60/40 split that we engage with Millington Township to participate with the fire department in the National Night out. It was pointed out that it is a legal expenditure because it is an event that is open to the public. Last year they did pulled pork and Ed had to run multiple times to get more buns. It was estimated that they spent about \$500 last year.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt that we donate up to \$400 towards National Night out for food

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, motion carried

Tax Sale Parcels-8: The township has first right of refusal for any tax sales in the township, normally there may be a few but this year there are 8.

- 1) 003-015-100-0200-00- Buell South of Millington 1 ac.

MOTION: By Beth Duet that the township elects to not purchase this property

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

- 2) 003-020-100-0120-00-On Bray Rd north of Birch Run Rd

MOTION: By Jody Hunt that the township elects to not purchase this property

SUPPORT: By Tim Anderson, motion carried

- 3) 003-031-400-0900-00-Parcel of Morse and Sons Junkyard

MOTION: By Tim Anderson that the township elects to not purchase this property

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

- 4) 003-032-300-0300-00-Parcel of Morse and Sons Junkyard

MOTION: By Tim Anderson that the township elects to not purchase this property

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, motion carried

5) 003-032-300-0500-00-Parcel of Morse and Sons Junkyard

MOTION: By Jody Hunt that the township elects to not purchase this property

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

6) 003-032-300-0700-00-Parcel of Morse and Sons Junkyard

MOTION: By Beth Duet that the township elects to not purchase this property

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, motion carried

7) 003-032-300-1610-00-Parcel of Morse and Sons Junkyard

MOTION: By Gary Woelzlein that the township elects to not purchase this property

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, motion carried

8) 003-300-000-0100-00-Parcel of Baker Subdivision on Baker Dr. \$7,300 assessed value

MOTION: By Tim Anderson that the township elects to not purchase this property

SUPPORT: Jody Hunt, motion carried

Citizen Comments:

Craig Datz came in to introduce himself as a resident running for Judge in Tuscola County.

There was a question over the cemetery ordinance being enforced so hard now. It was explained that the ordinance was ratified in November and that it needs to be enforced and was not enforced prior and now things are starting to get out of hand with non-compliance.

There were several comments about the solar hearing with Ranger Power and the MPSC, several residents were attempting to come up with ideas to help the township fight in front of the MPSC. However, many of these avenues the Lawyer representing the township at the MPSC is well aware of as that the firm is representing several townships in contention with a solar company in front of the MPSC.

There was a comment about the shoulder/road condition at the corner of Buell and Barnes, in particular the NE corner. Ed will have the Road Commission look at it as that he remembers it being a problematic area for larger vehicles from his time at the road commission.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adjourn at 6:55 pm

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, motion carried

Beth Duet

Arbela Township Clerk