MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Octoberber 12th, 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 Jody Hunt to amend agenda to add solar discussion

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, motion carried

MOTION: By Beth Duet to approve the minutes of the September 14th, 2026 meeting

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to approve the payment of bills and payroll

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave the fire report-Next meeting is 12/01/2026 at 5:30 in Millington. There have been lots of medical calls lately. The fire call bill that was sent to a resident who was burning incorrect materials has received no payment or complaint. This was forwarded to the township attorney who is looking at the fire ordinance to see next steps.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave police report-During the month of September 33 calls for service were handled by the deputy assigned to Arbela Township. Notable calls included mental health/suicidal person, noise/neighborhood trouble, civil matters, domestic violence with arrest, traffic crash, suspicious vehicles, and assistance to other agencies, dog bite, fraud, and others. 8 traffic stops were conducted during the month of September. 5 traffic offense citations were issued during this time. Notable offenses include faith to stop for school bus, and speeding 20 mph over posted limit. As expected, school bus violations are on the rise particularly in the morning hours on Birch Run Rd. Deputy Peterson has been patrolling the areas where there have been increased reports of burnouts in the roadway. Generally speaking, traffic offenses must be witnessed by reporting officer in order to issue a citation.

The township's 3 year contract with Tuscola County Sheriff's department will expire 12/31/2026. The department is drafting a new contract and will have it to us in November for Approval in December.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave a road report-The Road Commission has sent the letter to have the township thinking about road requests for next year. There was discussion about possible road projects for next year, which will be further discussed and decided upon at the next road and budget meeting in February.

Roadside mowing has been started, Terry has finished tractor repairs. The non-certified road, Janice road was experiencing overgrown trees and GFL was having an issue getting their trucks safely down the road without losing expensive equipment. There was a letter sent to residents explaining the situation, and letting them know that if the trees were not trimmed and pushed back then residents would then

have to truck their cans to the end of the road. Residents were understanding and are fixing the issue and this should be resolved prior to the November cut-off date.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave an update on building and grounds-The dumpster pads in the back of the hall should be done soon, Ed has talked to the person placing them. There are TDS trucks parked out back while they run line. The gas tank pump has been replaced and fixed and is again operational. There is a she shed Air BNB on Tuscola that is going to be problematic and the issues will be looked into.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bathroom Remodel-no updates

Road Agreement for Gunnell: Ed attended the public hearing in September. The price of the ditch work is $14,350. When the ditch is dug out Dale Miller wants the dirt and if the crops are off his field, Darwin Hecht is willing to have the brush or if not then Ed will have it at his property.

MOTION: by Beth Duet to accept the road agreement for Gunnell Rd ditch project in the amount of $14,350

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

2027 Garbage rate: This is normally voted on in November, but was moved to October to make it easier on the Treasurer to get it added to the tax bills that will be sent out. Last year's bill was $229.68. This year's, according to the contract, will be 236.52, an increase of $6.84. This price averages out to about $4.55 a week for garbage pick up.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt to set the garbage rate at $236.52 annually

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried.

Winter Snow Removal: Brandon Long says that pricing should be in line with last year, salt is an issue based on current salt prices not last year's price. He is a private contractor is a down the list behind the road commissions when it comes to priority for salt supply. Which then leads to a salt surcharge. Jody says he's been doing a very good job, the parking lot is clear usually before the office opens, salt is put down to help residents avoid slips and falls.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt to continue using Brandon Long for snow removal

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, motion carried

Petzold Driveway Tube: While mowing the roadside, Terry clipped the newly installed driveway tube, the end was hidden in some longer grass. The tractor deck picked it up and may have bent the tube. Ed talked to one of the resident's kids about it but if they are unable to fix it then the township would be responsible. Ed contacted the road commission and priced out drainage tube in the event that the township would have to pay and they sell partial tubes and the township could purchase and then cut and band to repair the driveway tube.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt that if the tube cannot be fixed then the township would pay to fix.

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Solar Discussions-Ed read Kyle's email with proposed dates and options for participation with the case with the MPSC. Discussion with the different options was had, Ed says that option number three was

not an option for the township because that was an option that could bankrupt the township fighting against this and the township could still loose. Option number two was posited by Beth as a good idea to keep the township's foot in the door while not being completely hands off. Tim agreed with Beth. Option number one as a completely hands off option was not discussed. The next part of the discussion was over how much the township wanted to spend on this endeavor at this point.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to allow the supervisor to spend up to $20,000, if it goes over that amount we will hold a special meeting.

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

CITIZEN COMMENT: Mr. Platt commented that Terry has been doing a very good job at roadside mowing compared to the job being done by the county roadside mowing.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adjourn at 6:38 pm

SUPPORT: Tim Anderson, motion carried

Beth Duet

Arbela Township Clerk