Douglas DeLeo, Supervisor Ron Klein, Trustee

Jill Sanborn, Treasurer Ted Swanson, Trustee

Georgette Peterson, Clerk

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP

VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Douglas DeLeo, Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were done.

Roll Call: Ted Swanson, Jill Sanborn, Ron Klein, Douglas DeLeo, Georgette Peterson: All present

Others Present: Scott Graham, Township Attorney; Arlington Township Residents

Ted Swanson made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of “ABC’s of ZBA learning opportunity for ZBA members.” Motion supported by Georgette Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports

Law Enforcement: Deputy Torres gave his report which included his work on blight issues and the calls the Department took.

Fire Department: Greg Myrkle gave the report. The annual budget was passed.

Commissioners Report: None

Assessor’s Report: Danielle Golembiewski gave her report

Approval of March 20, 2024 as written motion by Jill Sanborn; supported by Ted Swanson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Annie Davidson Funke and Donna Bell commented on Supervisor’s report item #4. Christopher Passmore commented on Marijuana fees. Frank Bell would like a copy of the road Commission program for roads. He asked how road repair was determined. Douglas DeLeo said he went out with the Road Commission to look at the roads to decide. Ted Swanson and Ron Klein commented that the ditching at Scott Lake needs to be finished before a new project is started. Douglas DeLeo said that was in the last bid and not in the current bid to be voted on. Douglas and Ted will procure a bid to finish the ditching.

Supervisor’s Report:

1. Jill Sanborn made a motion to go forth with the transfer station construction, supported by Georgette Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Douglas DeLeo, Ted Swanson, Jill Sanborn and Georgette Peterson all voted Yes. Ron Klein recused himself as he is part of the Conservation District. Motion carried.
2. Comparison of transfer station fees sheet. No decisions made.
3. Road Commission Worksheets.

Ted Swanson made a motion to approve the Road Commissions project sheet for $178,905 with $35,205.96 coming out of restricted funds. Roll Call Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

1. Using $5000 for residents to attend Lawrence Senior Services Luncheon. Died for lack of a motion.
2. Accept resignation from Zoning Administrator, Danielle Golembiewski effective June 1, 2024. Jill Sanborn made a motion to accept the resignation of the Zoning Administrator, Danielle Golembiewski, Ted Swanson supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Conservation District Passenger, semi tire and Electronics collection will be held May 21, 2024. Please register at resourcerecovery@vanburencd.org or call 269 657 4030 ext. 5.

Treasurer’s Report: Jill Sanborn noted that Park Lane and the Master Plan are the largest bills currently.  ~~Red~~ Ted Swanson made a motion, with support from Ron Klein to pay the bills as outlined in the Treasurer’s Report. Roll Call Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report: Georgette Peterson reported on the progress of the absentee ballots for the May 7, 2024 election. Douglas DeLeo read Resolution No. 2024-1 “Resolution to Approve and Certify Road Millage Renewal Proposal. Douglas DeLeo made a motion with support from Jill Sanborn that it be placed on the ballot with 2 corrections. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Libby Holdings, LLC – 52570 38th Avenue – Parcel # 80-03-021-026-20

All fees and the late fine has been paid. Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew the SUP and 5 licenses. Jill Sanborn supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

1. Green Mitten – 34041 CR 681 – Parcel # 80-03-018-014-20

A settlement has been made with CRA for $8000 on the last outstanding complaint. The screening has been repaired. Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew the SUP and 10 Licenses contingent on resolving the remaining CRA complaint. Ted Swanson supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Justin Ayoub reported they have acquired Red Arrow (Kula Farms).

1. Grow Arlington (Sterling Heights Technology, LLC) – 52981 28th Avenue – Parcel # 80-03-009-003-01. Late taxes, fees and fine for late filing have been paid. Georgette Peterson made a motion to renew the SUP and 7 Licenses. Motion supported by Ron Klein. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Smitty’s Inc. – 50680 28th Avenue Parcel # 80-03-003-001-00
3. Joshua Smith is buying Candid. Attorney Roma Thurin and Corey Lord, the cultivation director are here to present. Attorney Thurin reported the new entity paid the license and SUP fees. Georgette Peterson made a motion to approve the SUP and 6 licenses pending documentation of the payment of fees. Jill Sanborn supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Jill Sanborn made a motion to approve up to 3 ZBA members attending training in Kalamazoo on May 29, 2024 for $376 plus one set of books. Ron Klein supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgette Peterson, Clerk