Georgette Peterson, Supervisor
Susan Wilson, Clerk
Jill Sanborn, Treasurer

Ron Klein, Trustee
Ted Swanson, Trustee

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June 18, 2025

Supervisor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Roll Call: Ted Swanson, Jill Sanborn, Ron Klein, Susan Wilson, and Georgette Peterson

Ted Swanson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, support by Susan Wilson.
All in favor. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Remove Marijuana Coordinator Report from agenda.

Reports to Move to Regular Agenda:
- Treasurer's Report
- Commissioner's Report
- Senior Services Report
- Closed Session Minutes

Approve Consent Agenda Reports: Motion by Ron Klein to accept the Consent Agenda Support by Jill Sanborn. Motion Carried.

- Assessor's Report
- Supervisor's Report
- Clerk's Report
- Planning Commission's Report
- Zoning Commission's Report
- Approval of ~~June 18~~ May 21, 2025 Board Minutes

Reports:
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes:
  - Ron Klein suggested that the minutes were not complete and/or incorrect.
  - Georgette Peterson postponed approval.

- Law Enforcement: LTES report included in board packets No report

- Fire Departments: LTES report, Greg Myrkle gave report. July 4th parade at 5:00 p.m.

- Senior Services: Jeannie gave the report. Newsletter is available on website.

- Commissioner's Report: Kurt Doroh has been involved in AI training.

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Road Commissioner's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Jill Sanborn gave her report

Ted Swanson made a motion to pay the bills. Georgette Peterson supported the motion. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion Passed.

Ted Swanson made a motion to replace the Marijuana Business License Fund and General Fund debit cards with credit cards. Susan Wilson supported the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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No motion, support, or vote

Public Comment on any agenda item (3-minute time limit)

Annie Funke reported that the flagpole in Hoppin Cemetery has been installed.

New Business:

Planning Commission: Ron Klein. See the Planning Commission's handout (included)

Dragonfly Kitchens' modification – tabled for Planning Commission review.

Decibel levels called in question. Planning session minutes must be posted to the website. Jill Sanborn moved to table this until next month's meeting. Support by Ted Swanson. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Daniel's Property: Restoration of stream damaged from excessive water flow from Quality Cannabis over the last three years. The restoration by GEI is complete. Ron Klein suggested a sign; "Stream Restoration: Your Land, Your Water. Arlington Township." Jill Sanborn reported that Quality Cannabis was supposed to pay a portion of the stream restoration cost, and has not yet paid. A notice needs to be sent to Quality Cannabis regarding their payment responsibility. Georgette will contact Quality Cannabis. Ron Klein recommends GEI for any future wetlands work.

Garnat Campgrounds: Still working on this. Joe LaGrow has been hired as their advocate. Ron Klein responded to a requested list of permits and suggested that they contact other agencies, such as EGLE to see what is needed. Ron requested that Joe LaGrow send the list to him, Ron Klein, so the township would have it for future reference.

EGLE actions on North Scott Lake on Abernathy Drive. DNR approved a three-foot-wide

broad walk on pillars to go to the edge of the bottom land and the creation of a 20' x 20' swimming area with conditions. The bottom must be covered by an environmental blanket made of specialized fiber, and no more than 12 yards of pea gravel may be moved and spread by hand. Pea gravel will not harm the spawning habitat of the Northern Pike and the mat will erode. No mechanical machines may go through the wetlands.

Master Plan Update: Working with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) to create a master plan for Arlington Township. Sub-committee goals will be to promote businesses, work on the zoning map and the future land use map, the future of marijuana, and historical and archeological sites. There may be grant money available for historical restoration.

We have another area that is, issues of large corporate interests, both domestic and foreign that has to do with land use relative to solar and pseudo farms and other types of activities that may compromise good arable land. There needs to be some sort of policy on that. We do have two solar ordinances in the hopper. We have already been approached for cooperative planning in various areas by contiguous townships and jurisdictions.

There will be a working session on the 26th, here, at 6:00 p.m. Urge the public to attend. Once we have all this information, we will be able supply it to the SWMPC so we can get plans that are really appropriate to us. We want to actually plan. Goal is to seek tomorrow today.

Thanks to the Planning Commission for all their hard work.

Gordon Andrews has stepped down from the Planning Commission because he has moved. There is an opening now on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission forwarded LuAnn Sell's name as a potential nominee.

Van Buren Road Commission update for CR 376 – See handout

Jill Sanborn made a motion to designate 50% of all revenue sharing that comes from the Van Buren County road tax that our residents pay every year to help repave CR 376. That will be for a period of five years which will be from 2026 until 2030. Ted Swanson supported. Resident Phil Pitts gave a brief history of the grinding on the road in 2018. Roll Call Vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Generac Contract: Not enough information to act. Contract will backdate to purchase of the generator. Susan Wilson will gather more information.

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Old Business:

Administrative Assistant vacancy

Kelly Halverson has withdrawn from the position opening. Which leaves Peggy Douglas, Gabryela Rigossi, and Dorman Wilson as applicants.

Jill Sanborn moved to contract with Peggy Douglas as Administrative Assistant with a start date of July 1, 2025. Support by Georgette Peterson. Roll call vote: All in favor, except Susan Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

Recycle Center/Transfer Station Update

Ted Swanson gave his report on June 7th and 14th open hours. There are still items that are needed:

Consumer's Energy electrical pole and drop. Cost of $1,914.50

Jill Sanborn made a motion to install the necessary work for electric. Ron Klein Supported. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Kolosar Electric to run from pole to shack with meter and extra circuits for expansion. Cost is $2,689. Ron Klein made a motion to move forward with Kolosar Electric. Jill Sanborn supported the motion. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Replace Signs: return and replace with A-frame signs, same company. Cost: $99.

Jill Sanborn made a motion to replace our current signs with the A-frame signs. Ron Klein supported the motion. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional Gravel: 20 yards of gravel to the east side. 10 yards of top soil

Jill Sanborn made a motion to get the additional 20 yards of gravel and 10 yards of top soil for $850. Ron Klein supported the motion. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional items and flyers to be purchased at a later date.

The township is being reimbursed for expenses by a grant. There may be other

grants available. Other townships could be considered for a joint recycling program.

Recycle cards are available at the Township Hall.

Ron asked about filling the Planning Commission vacancy. Discussion regarding LuAnn Sell. No nomination at this time.

Motion to adjourn by: Jill Sanborn, seconded by Ted Swanson.
All in favor. Motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Wilson, Clerk