

**MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**August 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joe White at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mary Warren, Joseph White, William Jacobi, Jody Hunt, Tim Anderson, and four residents.  
Absent - Donald Dallas

**MOTION:** By Jacobi to excuse Donald Dallas from the meeting.

**SECONDED:** By Warren, all ayes, motion carried.

Joe put the phone on speaker so Don could listen to the meeting. (He had a hip replacement operation)

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** July 13 2009

**MOTION:** By Jacobi to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2009 regular meeting.

**SECONDED:** By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

| <u>FUND</u>          | <u>RECEIPTS</u> | <u>DISB.</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| General Fund         | \$ 42,126.47    | \$ 40,846.80 | \$ 115,977.73  |
| Fire Assessment Fund | 3.15            | 8,389.80     | 95,733.42      |
| Police Fund          | 4,128.44        | 9,680.66     | 327,961.04     |
| Garbage Fund         | 6.44            | 12,334.62    | 200,429.56     |
| Bldg. Insp. Fund     | 343.03          | 308.69       | 1,150.99       |
| Neighborhood Watch   | 0.00            | 0.00         | 364.73         |
| Hall Rental Deposits | 250.00          | 500.00       | 2,610.00       |
| Current Tax Fund     | 116,083.31      | 91,412.46    | 24,671.85      |
| Fire withholding     | 0.00            | 0.00         | 0.00           |

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PARK BOARD:**

They are getting ready for the Millington Festival. The Brat booth will be in the same location as last year. They voted to place an ad in the Millington Herald looking for anyone who lives in the Village of Millington to serve on the Arthur Latham Park Board.

**LIBRARY BOARD:**

Jody said the library will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14 and all day Saturday due to the festival. They erected fencing around the new grass so no one would walk or park on it.

**FIRE BOARD REPORT:**

They had a meeting August 4 and discussed charges for emergency fire runs for non-residents. The hydraulic unit (valving) failed in the Jaws of Life and they can't get parts because it is so old. They found a demo jaws of life for \$17,000.00 (Arbela's share would be \$6,800.00).

**MOTION:** By Warren to approve the purchase of the Jaws of Life for the fire department not to exceed \$7,000.00.

**SECONDED:** Jacobi. Roll call vote. Jacobi, yes; Warren, yes; Hunt, yes; White, yes.

They set the rates for non-resident accidents when the first responder unit is called. It will be \$300.00 per vehicle. If the Jaws of Life are needed it will be an extra \$300.00. If the accident happens in Arbela, we will bill the people. If the accident happens in Millington, they will do the billing.

Normally we have 24 or 25 firemen with 3 of them in training. In recent weeks several of the firemen resigned. We are now down to 22 so the fire board authorized the fire chief to hire 2 to 3 new firemen.

**MOTION:** By Warren to charge non-residents who have a vehicle accident in Arbela Township \$300.00 per vehicle and if the Jaws of Life are required it would be an additional \$300.00.

**SECONDED:** Hunt. Roll call vote. Jacobi, yes; Hunt, yes; Warren, yes; White, yes

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Anderson said there was 1 demolition, 2 electrical, and 1 mechanical permit issued in July.

#### **WORK PROJECTS REPORT:**

Bill said everything has been running on an even keel. He is on the third cutting of the roadsides.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

Joe said we had 3 property crime, 0 assaults, 7 general non-criminal assistance, 2 traffic complaints, 2 accidents and 10 other complaints. Complaints handled by the township's two officers was 24, non-Arbela sheriff's patrol was 10 and state police 4.

#### **SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB**

Joe said they are actively selling tickets to the October spaghetti dinner fund raiser.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Roy Maurer has demolished a house on Barnes Road and would like to be absolved from paying the fire and garbage on the 2009 tax levy. The special assessment for fire and garbage is based on if there is a residence you are charged the special assessment.

**MOTION:** By Warren to exempt Roy Maurer's property on Barnes road from the fire and garbage assessment on the 2009 tax levy.

**SECONDED:** By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** By Warren to amend the Revenue Budget of the General Fund (2009-2010) in the amount of \$5,590.73, the Expenditure Budget of the General Fund (2009-2010) in the amount of \$155.00 and the Revenue Budget of the Police Fund (2009-2010) in the amount of \$3,751.00.

**SECONDED:** By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

Joe had the county engineer's report from the roadside ditch petition on Lewis Road from Sergeant to Murphy Lk. Road. The approximate cost is \$5,000.00. In the past the township paid 25%, the county 25% and the homeowner 50%. The county will no longer pay 25%. There are only three homeowners on that stretch of road. Joe asked the board if the township could pay more than 25%?

Warren said if we do it for this road, then we would have to do it for any other roadside ditch petitions we receive.

Joe is going to talk to the three residents and see if they are willing to pay the cost of cleaning the ditch.

The Michigan Community Blood Center wants to use the hall every other month for a day to have a blood drive.

**MOTION:** By Warren to allow the Michigan Community Blood Center people use the hall for a day every other month. If we have someone who wants to rent the hall on that date, they would have to change their date.

**SECONDED:** By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

Joe passed out a quote from Jacobi Custom Landscaping to clean, sand and paint the light poles in the parking lot for \$750.00. For an additional \$187.40 they would also fabricate and install steel band around the concrete base of the north east light pole in the parking lot.

**MOTION:** By Hunt to hire Jacobi Custom Landscaping to fabricate and install a steel band around the concrete base of north east light pole in the parking lot for \$187.40 and also clean, sand and paint 5 light poles in the parking lot for \$750.00

**SECONDED:** By Warren. Roll call vote. Hunt, yes; Warren, yes; White, yes. Jacobi did not vote as he is related to Jacobi Custom Landscaping.

**MOTION:** By Warren to pay the bills and payroll.

**SECONDED:** By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **THE BILLS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**MOTION:** By Jacobi to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

**SECONDED:** By Warren, all ayes, motion carried.

Mary C. Warren, Township Clerk