

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

February 9, 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, Donald Dallas, Deputy Rogner and seven residents.

Absent - None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: January 12, 2009

MOTION: By Hunt to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2009 regular meeting.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISB.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
General Fund	\$ 44,764.00	\$ 18,541.03	\$ 74,789.81
Fire Assessment Fund	65.93	11,932.34	64,687.61
Police Fund	480.29	9,038.60	245,444.90
Garbage Fund	111.42	12,334.62	117,149.54
Bldg. Insp. Fund	308.63	273.18	1,939.99
Neighborhood Watch	0.00	0.00	364.73
Hall Rental Deposits	625.00	0.00	2,735.00
Current Tax Fund	607,481.55	434,509.48	399,968.52
Fire withholding	0.00	0.00	7,443.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARK BOARD:

Don said they have been working on a master plan for the last 3 months.

MOTION: By Dallas to delay the park board report until (C.) of new business.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Jody said the library board bought the house and property north of the library. They plan to demolish the house and in the future add on to the library. They may use the lot for additional parking once they demolish the house and clean up the yard. After March 23 they will take bids on demolishing the house.

FIRE BOARD REPORT:

Joe said there were 2 structure fires, 0 chimney fires, 0 rubbish/grass fires, 3 power line standbys, 0 mutual aid, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 5 weather related calls, 1 automobile fire, 1 false alarms and 25 E.M.S. response calls in January, 2009. Joe said they had a meeting January 20 and discussed the budget. They are removing the Jaws of Life (26,000.00) from this year's budget and the fire dept. might have some fund raisers to help defray the cost. The previous minutes were corrected to say the state report fees have increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 as of March 1, 2009. Next meeting May 5th at Millington.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

No permits issued for January 2009.

WORK PROJECTS REPORT:

Bill said it was a rough winter on the trees in the cemetery. Lots of branches to be cleaned up.

POLICE REPORT:

Deputy Rogner said we had 4 property crimes (2 larceny, 2 B&E), 0 assault, 9 general non-criminal assistance, 0 traffic complaints, 7 accidents and 12 other complaints. Complaints handled by the township's two officers was 32, non Arbela sheriff's patrol was 12 and state police 2. Chris said we seem to have less speeders in the township than we used to. We hope to have the new police car this week.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

Lana Martell said the social club went fine. There were 22 to 24 people present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Cost of living raises for the board and maintenance workers was discussed. Mary Warren felt with the economy being so bad we should forego any raises this year.

MOTION: By Warren not to increase any wages this year.

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

MOTION: By Warren to re-appoint James Kribs, Robert Petzold and Lana Martell to the Board of Review for two years.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Warren to re-appoint Donald Dallas to the park board for three years.

SECONDED: By Jacobi, all ayes, motion carried.

We discussed the park board Master Plan. Joe questioned page 4 – year round opportunities. He asked Lana if they plan on having the park open year round.

Lana said in the future they would like to have winter activities in the park.

Lana also said the correct projected census for 2008 is not in the Master Plan. She couldn't get this information on line. She called the DNR and they told her she would need to get that information from the East Central Planning & Development Commission. The commission would not give her the information unless we belonged to it and paid a yearly fee of \$226.89.

MOTION: By Warren to approve the resolution for the adoption of the Millington-Arbela Parks & Recreation Commission Master Plan.

SECONDED: By Jody. Roll call vote. Dallas, yes; Hunt, yes; Warren, yes; Jacobi, yes; White, yes.

MOTION: By Warren to amend the Revenue Budget (2008-2009) in the amount of \$299.64 and the Expenditure Budget (2008-2009) in the amount of \$35.69.

SECONDED: By Dallas , all ayes, motion carried.

The Pavlicek family requested placing a bench on their father's grave as a headstone with the name of the family in the center of it. It would span across 2 graves, his and his wife's. There is nothing in the cemetery rules that specifically says you can't have benches. What the rules say is each grave is allowed one footing and one marker only. All other things will be removed. Mr. Pavlicek was cremated and the ashes are not buried yet and as the foundation cannot be poured until the weather warms up, we decided to table the discussion.

MOTION: By Jacobi to table the discussion on benches as headstones until the March 9 meeting.

SECONDED: By Dallas, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Warren to pay the bills and payroll.

SECONDED: By Hunt, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: By Jacobi to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

SECONDED: By Warren, all ayes, motion carried.

Mary C. Warren, Township Clerk