

MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

December 8th, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Edward Hunt at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Gary Woelzlein, Beth Duet, Jody Hunt, and Ed Hunt, Absent-Tim Anderson

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to approve the minutes of the November 10th, 2025 meeting

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

MOTION: By Beth Duet to approve the payment of bills and payroll

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave the fire report. Next meeting will be January 20, 2026. There will be a meeting in Mid-February with the insurance provider to go over the renewal quote, Ed is trying to be present for that meeting. There is thought of replacing the tanker that was new in 1995.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave police report. Deputy Fini completed 57 stops in the month of November with a total of 17 citations. She also completed 4 non-criminal calls and 3 crash investigations. The police car has about 55,000 miles on it, which was a question from the previous meeting. Ed also addressed complaints about the township car being seen outside of the township.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave a road report. Winter is here.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave a building and grounds update. The furnace is acting up still and is struggling, it is advised that it be replaced in the next few years. The repair service man was up in the ceiling and said that the insulation in the building will need to be updated as that it has settled a great deal and is patchy and this results in the furnace has to work harder.

NEW BUSINESS:

Junk Yard Licenses:

Stadler Auto Parts at 8281 Lewis Rd, Birch Run MI

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to approve the Junk Yard license **SUPPORT:** By Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Morse & Son Used Cars & Parts at 10381 S Lewis Rd, Clio MI

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to approve the Junk Yard license **SUPPORT:** By Beth Duet, motion carried

Bills Tire Acres at 10305 S Lewis Rd Clio MI

MOTION: By Beth Duet to approve the Junk Yard license **SUPPORT:** By Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Schultz's Auto Salvage at 10101 Belsay Rd, Millington MI

MOTION: By Gary Woelzlein to approve the Junk Yard license **SUPPORT:** By Beth Duet, motion carried

Business Licenses:

Baja MX Inc at 8683 Birch Run Rd, Millington MI

MOTION: By Gary Woelzlein to approve the Business license **SUPPORT:** By Jody Hunt, motion carried

Brush Program 2026:

In an effort to get more townships to have the county spray their brush the county is offering to mow with the application of ditch spray. The Road commission is aiming to purchase a tractor with a mulching head with a 20ft boom arm to make mowing easier and more effective. Discussion was had on opting in to more brush spray, how much to spray and whether or not the road commission would be able to handle demand for mowing.

MOTION: by Gary Wolzelein to have the road commission to spray half of the township with a top budget limit of \$15,000 **SUPPORT:** Jody Hunt roll call vote: Beth Duet, yes; Gary Woelzlein, yes; Jody Hunt, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried

Pedestrian Signs:

There are 2 pedestrian signs and 1 tractor sign located on Barnes rd, between Bray and Barkley. These signs are dated from the 1990's and if they were to be replaced when the road is repaved next year, it would be at the townships expense.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt to remove and not replace the 2 pedestrian and 1 tractor signs when the road is repaved **SUPPORT:** Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Schiefer Rezoning:

The planning commission recommended after their October 27th Meeting to approve the request from Amy Schiefer to rezone approximately 1.5 acres from agricultural to residential for the purpose of zoning continuity in keeping with the township ordinances and master plan.

MOTION: by Gary Woelzlein to accept the planning commission's recommendation of rezoning 1.5 acres from parcel # 003-015-100-0550-00 and attach remaining acreage to parcel #003-015-100-0540-00
Support: Beth Duet, motion carried

Cyber Insurance Coverage:

Discussion was had about opting into including Cyber Insurance Coverage at renewal of the township insurance. Discussion was had about what was included and covered with this coverage.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to opt into the cyber insurance coverage for \$917 for \$100,000 of coverage.

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, roll call vote: Beth Duet, yes; Gary Woelzlein, yes; Jody Hunt, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried

EMC Insurance Renewal:

Discussion was had about the renewal of the EMC Insurance policy. They included a 4% increase in building coverage but it was recommended that we have a contractor valuate the building for a catastrophic loss price in the event that something unfortunate happens. This would make sure that we are still within the bounds of what we are covered for in the event some does happen and the entire building would need to be rebuilt.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt to accept the EMC Insurance Renewal quote in the amount of \$28,756

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, roll call vote: Beth Duet, yes; Gary Woelzlein, yes; Jody Hunt, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried

Outstanding Bills from Solar Review:

The original \$75,000 from Ranger Power to review their application and pay for other legal fees was not enough. Kyle from FSBR will be sending a request to them for the remaining portion, \$50,708.16 plus \$14,550.00.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt to Transfer \$65,208.66 from the fund balance to attorney fees to pay bills and then get reimbursed from Ranger Power **SUPPORT:** Beth Duet, roll call vote: Beth Duet, yes; Gary Woelzlein, yes; Jody Hunt, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried

Budget Amendments-The biggest one was taken care of with the previous topic from the solar review.

Citizen Comments: Wayne Schultz wonders why the 3 drain charges on his taxes are so high, Ed gave him information about the ongoing improvements to the drains that his surface water drains into.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adjourn at 7:04pm

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Beth Duet

Arbela Township Clerk