MINUTES OF ARBELA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

November 9th, 2026

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

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

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to approve the minutes of the October 12th, 2026 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-The next meeting will be November 30 at 5:30 in Millington. We have had no contact from the resident who was charged for burning improper materials and the matter has been turned over to the township attorney. The township attorney is also taking a look at the fire ordinance and there may be possible updates to that down the road.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave police report-During the month of October 19 calls for service were handled, notable calls for service included mental health/suicidal person, civil matters, traffic crash, suspicious vehicles, fraud, adult protective services investigations, a school bus arm violation resulting in citation, neighborhood trouble, and flee/eluding police. 8 traffic stops were conducted during the month of October, with 4 traffic offense citations during October. Notable offenses included fail to stop for school bus, careless driving, and no proof of insurance. During the month of October and into the month of November, there have been reports of ongoing issues in the area of Baker Dr. near Willard Rd. Pickup trucks have been reported doing burnouts in the area, this is a known ongoing issue. Deputy Peterson has spoken to the courts regarding videos surfacing of those vehicles. He has been advised that these burnouts constitute only a civil infraction traffic violation. This means the court requires the violation to be witnessed by and officer and cited during a normal traffic stop.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave a road report-The Gunnell road project was completed on October 26, 27, and 28 with no brush removal needed. Some dirt was transported a very short distance to a couple township resident fields. The bill for this will be included in the township bill to the road commission around February time.

Supervisor, Ed Hunt, gave an update on building and grounds-Estee, our Sexton, has started on limited winter hours. The stone pads for the dumpsters are finished and the dumpsters are placed. The Election this past Tuesday had a decent turn out with no political signs or protests had. Ed and Estee continue to pick up unauthorized advertising signs from road corners. The latest court date for the Chad Ross court issue was cancelled due to and overscheduling error on the judge's docket. Ed talked to Kyle at Fahey Schultz and will be adding a testimony as well as a few trusted residents of the township to be sent along with paperwork for the MPSC case. Ed discussed the previous decision of the board to authorized up to $20,000 to be utilized to be included in the proceedings with the MPSC and Kyle agreed that that was a reasonable amount to authorize.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bathroom Remodel-no updates

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff's Contract: Some numbers have changed from the previous contract, as that it was 3 years ago. Some have gone up some have gone down, but the overall number is larger. The estimate of numbers from 2026 was from the contract estimation 3 years ago. Discussion was had on the reasoning behind some line items.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt to approve the sheriff's contract for one officer for 2 years

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, Roll Call Vote; Jody Hunt, yes; Beth Duet, yes; Gary Woelzlein, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried.

Lincoln Lawncare: Lincoln has been lawn maintenance in the cemeteries for the past 3 years, this year has been no problems no complaints. Lincoln and Estee our Sexton work well together. This past years rate was $2,100 per month, next year it would be $2,300 per month to cover rising costs of fuel and mowing equipment.

MOTION: by Jody Hunt to hire Lincoln Dunkerson again for the 2027 year for cemetery lawn mowing

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, Roll Call Vote; Jody Hunt, yes; Beth Duet, yes; Gary Woelzlein, yes; Ed Hunt, yes; motion carried.

Christmas Bonus: In the past years the township board has voted to give the maintenance/clean up crew Christmas bonuses. This year it would be 6 employees, Estee, Shayla, Caden, Angelina, Monica, and Lori.

MOTION: by Gary Woelzlein to provide the same Christmas bonus as in the past of $125

SUPPORT: Beth Duet, motion carried

Budget Amendments: Will have numbers for December

CITIZEN COMMENT: Dennis Mangold was at the Solar Meeting held and organized by Ranger Power, and expressed his unfavorable opinion about the meeting and the solar project in general.

MOTION: By Jody Hunt to adjourn at 6:35 pm

SUPPORT: Gary Woelzlein, motion carried

Beth Duet

Arbela Township Clerk