

**Arthur Township
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of March 11, 2024**

APPROVED

Present were: Chairman Matt Johnson, Supervisor Lisa Holcomb, Supervisor Becky Hadhazy, Treasurer Teri Bentler, Zoning Administrator Tom Jones, Road advisor Fred Sawatzky, and Clerk Ashley Martin.

Visitors present were: Jerry Black, Alan Berlin, Nick Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Supervisor Holcomb motioned to accept the February 26, 2024 minutes. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

No changes/additions to the agenda.

Supervisor Holcomb motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Nick Reynolds spoke about the conditional use permit for 1610 Liberty St.

Alan Berlin spoke briefly about the conditional use permit for 1610 Liberty St.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Teri Bentler provided the Treasurer's report as stated on the agenda; account balance of \$203,850.10, general claims 11699-11712 in the amount of \$45,188.23. Payroll claims 3867-3876 in the amount of \$6,188.08, a change from the agenda for claim 3868 to read 3867 for clerical error. Monies from the clerk in the amount of \$4,113.06. Transfer accounts for 2023 Gravel Tax and 2024 Road Allotment in the amount of \$38,107.43.

Supervisor Holcomb motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report with clerical error change. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1. Recycling Room: Discussion regarding fireproof file cabinets, totes, and shelving for files.

3. Laptops: Chairman Johnson motioned to purchase three HP laptops from Best Buy for the clerk, treasurer and zoning administrator to use for township work. Supervisor Holcomb seconded. All were in favor.
4. Solar & Container Ordinances: The Container ordinance language was clarified by the planning commission and has been updated, and the Solar ordinance was approved by the planning commission. Both ordinances will be ready for recording at the next board meeting.
4. Newspaper Ad: Supervisor Holcomb motioned to approve a newspaper ad that will run the week of April 18th for the recycling center in an upcoming ad deal. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

OLD TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1. Road report:
 - A. Road updates: Black's Excavating suggests beginning grading the heaviest traveled roads, and the road advisor suggests waiting on the lesser traveled roads until a later date now that frost is coming out. The recycling disc should be mounted and ready for Black's Excavating to begin using.
 - B. Linden Woods: Road advisor met with the county engineer last week to look at Grasslands Trail in Linden Woods subdivision. The county engineer says the road should be a 10-ton road due to commercial use. A 10-ton road does not have road restrictions. Linden Woods Trail should also be 10-ton road specification on the piece from the highway to Grasslands Trail. The county engineer stated he can write a recommendation for the township such as the correct culvert needs, the road meeting specifications before adoption etc. Discussion will continue.
2. Zoning/building update:
 - C. 19007 Island View: The logs in the ditch/ROW have not been removed. The township will direct an agent for removal and the invoice will be sent to the property owner. Discussion was held regarding the minor subdivision timeline.
 - D. 1610 Liberty St- CUP: The township board was given all pertinent information as to the application for conditional use for this property. A discussion was held about all the information presented such as the application, the public commentary from the public meeting, all letters received by the clerk and any research information presented. Supervisor Becky Hadhazy asked for clarification on traffic/parking count. The parking/traffic issue was explained by both zoning and the road advisor. No additional information was presented that was not already presented to the planning commission. The planning commission presented a Findings of Fact with conditions.

Supervisor Holcomb made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit #022724. Chairman Johnson seconded. All were in favor.

Other ZA Issues:

-361 Fish Lake Dr. Unit 2: The new owners of this property would like to put up a pole barn. The zoning administrator will follow up.

- Zoning received a request from a property owner on Roberts Street regarding the ability to build a duplex on the property. Per zoning administrator, rural residential does allow this as long as conditions are met and satisfied such as setbacks, off street parking, septic etc. Discussion will continue.

5. Mail: An application from Arc Irrigation was received. The application will be sent in for a one-time spray application at the town hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

OTHER DISCUSSION – A resident on Linden Trail requested the potholes to be fixed coming in from the highway.

- The road maintenance contract will end in May. The contract will be updated for signature for the April 8th meeting.

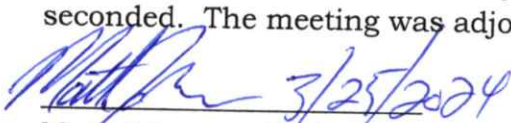
TOWNSHIP ELECTION is March 12, 2024 from 3:00PM – 8:00PM.


ANNUAL MEETING is March 12, 2024 directly following township elections.

BOARD OF CANVASS is March 12, 2024 following a successful Annual Meeting.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING IS March 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM. REORGANIZATION MEETING TO FOLLOW.

Chairman Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM. Supervisor Holcomb seconded. The meeting was adjourned.


 Matt Johnson, Chair Date


 Ashley Martin, Clerk