

**Arthur Township
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of November 12, 2024**

APPROVED

Present were: Chair Lisa Holcomb, Supervisor Matt Johnson, Supervisor Becky Hadhazy, Zoning Administrator Tom Jones, Treasurer Teri Bentler, Clerk Ashley Martin.

Visitors present: Charles and Carolyn Turner, Brenda Dick

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to accept the October 28, 2024 minutes as presented. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. Lisa Holcomb abstains.

Additions to the agenda: Old Business 8. FEMA 9. Election Update 10. Town hall odor, Move Turner Easement to New Business #1.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Teri Bentler provided the Treasurer's report as stated on the agenda; account balance of \$81,601.91, general claims 11845-11853 in the amount of \$11,162.85. Payroll claims 3962-3975 in the amount of \$7,781.30. Monies from the clerk in the amount of \$142,500.43. This includes the October 2024 Tax Settlement in the amount of \$129,977.35.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1. Turner Easement: Charles and Carolyn Turner attended the meeting with regard to easement documentation sent by Arthur township. This easement language is intended to solidify years old usage of the Turner's driveway to turn around the township road maintenance equipment. The Turner's requested

some changes to the easement and will review when they receive the new easement.

2. Solar: Chair Holcomb provided the board with information regarding the solar grants currently offered by the state of Minnesota for public buildings. The board discussed the option and would like to investigate further. The discussion will continue.
3. Mailbox: Discussion was held regarding residents installing mailbox posts. The board will check with public works, Black's Excavating and possibly the post office to see what they would be willing to do for installation. Currently, the township requires the property owner to install.
4. Flood lights: Discussion was held regarding more light needed in the parking lot and surrounding the buildings at the hall. The clerk will schedule an electrician to get quotes for installing outdoor flood lights to buildings.

OLD TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1. Road report:
 - A. Road updates: Discussion was held regarding certain roads that are very rutted up from the rain. The board requests that Black's Excavating check all gravel roads for damage and ruts. Supervisor Hadhazy will speak with Black's. Any other road issues: The zoning administrator needed clarification on Larson Drive's right-of-way information to relay to East Central Energy who is requesting to install an electric pole. After some discussion, it was determined that ECE will need to speak with the owner of parcel 02-03015-20.
2. Zoning/building update:
 - A. The zoning administrator stated that he has received a request from a homeowner on Roberts Street who would like to know if he can build an AirBnb structure. Zoning administrator states this situation would need to be interim use, and the sewer would need to be updated. The county may have additional requirements. Discussion will continue.
 - C. Cannabis Ordinance: The board discussed the proposed changes from the planning commission to the zoning ordinance sections that pertain to cannabis regulation. The board would like these proposed changes to be sent to the MAT attorney for guidance before moving forward.
3. Recycling: Treasurer Teri Bentler stated the Mora Lions Club is collecting plastic to make benches and she requested the board's approval to follow-up with a Lion's member to see if our recycling facility could help provide some plastic.
4. Safety Issues:
 - A. Rotting door stoops: The zoning administrator was able to fix the door stoop in the town hall as well as replace the exit sign batteries.

7. Internet: The zoning administrator met with East Central Energy to go over a proposed route for fiber installment. ECE will be able to install the fiber around the north side of the building and bring it to the clerk office, however, they will need to bore under the driveway in order to do so.

10. Town hall odor: Discussion was held regarding a sewage odor that is smelled upon entry to the building. The issue will be investigated.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OTHER DISCUSSION – The board requested the planning commission applicant to attend a board meeting to learn more about them. The clerk will follow up with the applicant.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING IS November 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Chair Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04PM. Supervisor Johnson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Lisa Holcomb 11-25-24
Lisa Holcomb, Chair Date

Ashley Martin
Ashley Martin, Deputy Clerk