

ARVON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL/BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor James Soli called the March 28, 2016 Annual/Budget meeting to order that was held at the Skanee Fire Hall at 6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James Soli-Supervisor, Kathy Drue-Treasurer, Lisa Marinich-Clerk, Keith Erickson/absent-Trustee, Karl Gipp-Trustee

ROLL CALL: Taken at 6:00 p.m.

MARCH 30, 2015 MINUTES APPROVAL: Joanne Erickson motioned, seconded by Karl Gipp, to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2015 meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Karl Gipp motioned, seconded by Joanne Erickson, to approve the Agenda. All in favor, motion passed.

SUPERVISOR'S TOWNSHIP UPDATE: Supervisor Soli presented the Township updates.

-Improved the Skanee Ball field by removing trees and dredging.

-Had gravel hauled in for the roads around the Skanee Cemetery.

-The Boat launch grant was approved and the project should start mid-summer with MD Contracting that won the bid, through U.P. Engineers.

-A new lawn tractor was purchased for the township for \$6,895.

-KL Trust has purchased approximately 1600 acres in Arvon Township that will no longer be taxed.

-CD Lawn care won the bid of \$1,000 for clean-up of the Skanee Cemetery.

-The State of Michigan accepted the townships AMAR request.

-The Township contributed \$4,200 towards signs for the TOUR DE L'ANSE bike route which is a 54 mile bike trail.

-The Fire Dept. attended ice rescue training.

-The Fire Dept. purchased three new wet suits, replacing three that were over 20 years old and also purchased a generator system.

-UPSET team is trying to form a task for Baraga County and would like the Township to contribute \$3,000 a year and asking for a commitment for three years. UPSET does not get any funding from the State, its only funded by donations, funding, etc. If the township did not contribute to UPSET, the township would be liable for the clean-up which could cost approximately \$20,000 depending on the clean-up. If we contributed to UPSET, that team would come in and do the clean-up at no cost to the township. Drue's main concern is the funding right now for the township. Nancy Soli requested getting township residents together to clean the cemetery this year and contribute the \$1,000 to UPSET instead of paying for the clean-up at the cemetery for \$1,000. Nancy Soli motioned, seconded by Joanne Erickson to approve the contribution to UPSET. All in favor, motion passed.

TOWNSHIP HALL MAINTENANCE: Karl Gipp let the public know that the assessment that the township received from OHM, one of the first things to be done on the township hall is replacing the roof. This cost will be approximately \$25,000. He would like to have a public meeting for input on the township hall. Either to put money into it or not, to see what the public would like to see done with the building. This will be tabled until next month's regular meeting.

DEPOSITORY: Joanne Erickson motioned, seconded by Nancy Soli, to stay with Superior National Bank and Baraga Co. Credit Union as the Township depositories. All in favor, motion passed.

SALARY APPROVAL: The Supervisor and Clerk salary is \$6,500.00 per year, the Treasurer's salary is \$8,000.00 a year and the Trustees are \$55.00 per meeting. Joanne Erickson motioned, seconded by Nancy Soli to approve the salaries. All in favor, motion passed.

DATES, TIMES, LOCATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS: Bette Gabe motioned, seconded by Dorothy Nankervis to keep the dates, times and location of the Townships regular monthly Board meetings. (First Monday of the month at the Skanee Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.). When the Town Hall is

closed winter months, the meeting will be held at the Skanee Fire Hall. All in favor, motion passed.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES: Joanne Erickson motioned, seconded by Mary DeLine to approve the Federal Government rate per mile for reimbursement. All in favor, motion passed.

TOWN HALL/FIRE HALL RENTAL FEES AND AGREEMENTS: Dorothy Nankervis motioned, seconded by Mary DeLine to keep the rental fee for the downstairs and upstairs of the Town Hall at \$75.00 each and leave the deposit fee for alcohol at \$100.00. Rental of the Fire Hall is \$50.00 and a \$100.00 deposit for alcohol. This service will be free to all Fire Dept. members. All in favor, motion passed.

CEMETERY LOT FEES: Joanne Erickson motioned, seconded by Dorothy Nankervis to leave the cemetery lot fees at \$100.00 for the taxpayers of Arvon Township. All in favor, motion passed.

BOARD OF REVIEW/ZONING BOARD/ELECTION BOARD SALARIES: Board of Review wage is \$12.00/hr. with paid lunch. Dorothy Nankervis motioned, seconded by Mary DeLine to approve the Board of Review wage and paid lunch. All in favor, motion passed. Marinich requests that the Election Chairperson wages raise from \$10.50/hr. to \$12.50/hr. and the election workers raise from \$10.00/hr. to \$12.00 and their lunches to raise from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Joanne Erickson motioned, seconded by Nancy Soli to raise the election workers wages and lunches. All in favor, motion passed. The Zoning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals chairperson is \$35.00, clerk \$30.00, Zoning Board members \$25.00 per meeting. Any training for the Board of Review, Zoning Boards or the Election Board will be paid \$25.00 for a half day (up to 4 hours) and \$50.00 for a full day (over 4 hours) plus mileage. Mary DeLine motioned, second by Dorothy Nankervis to approve the board wages and training. All in favor, motion passed.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: No additional business.

ANNUAL MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Nancy Soli motioned, seconded by Joanne Erickson, to adjourn the Annual meeting at 6:35 P.M. All in favor, motion passed.

BUDGET MEETING: Supervisor James Soli called the 2015-2016/2016-2017 Budget meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. at the Township Fire Hall. Kathy Drue read through the revised budget of 2015-2016. Marinich motioned, seconded by Gipp to approve the revised budget of 2015-2016. All in favor, motion passed. Kathy Drue read through the Budget of 2016-2017. Marinich motioned, seconded by Gipp to approve the 2016-2017 Budget. All in favor, motion passed.

TOWNSHIP BILL APPROVAL: Gipp motioned, seconded by Drue to approve paying the bills. All in favor, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Gipp motioned, seconded by Drue to adjourn the Budget meeting at 6:50 P.M. All in favor, motion passed.

Lisa M. Marinich
Arvon Township Clerk