

## ARCADA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

August 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by D. Merchant at 6:00pm. Roll Call of board members were: D. Merchant, M. Redman, W. Baxter and L. Baxter. Absent C. Bovee. Also present Aeris Ripley, Mark Walrath, Ron Turner, Tim Gay, Craig McClintic, and Dave Ringle and family.

The August 13, 2025 Agenda approve. Motion by M. Redman and support by W. Baxter. Motion carried.

Approval of the July 9, 2025 minutes. Motion to approve by W. Baxter and support by M. Redman. Motion carried.

Budget Report: none

Treasurer Report: General Fund balance after paying Bill \$170,768.88. First Disbursement of County Taxes reported.

Approval to pay the monthly township Bills for Check #8997-9005. Motion to pay the bills by M. Redman and support by W. Baxter, Motion carried.

Clerks Report: Received new Computer from Flegel's. Computers paid. Treasurer still needs to drop off her computer to be transferred to new computer.

Zoning Officer: Five new permits issued. Jeff Kincaid property State Road cleaning up, still needs work. Above Ground pool question on permit, only if building a deck around pool. Trailer in Section 1 of Arcada Township needs to be handled, roof collapsed, junk around trailer.

Planning Commission: Present. Meeting last month July. Discussed the County wide Master Plan. Made recommendations, sent to twp. board for approval before going back to county. Verizon reached out to St. Louis and Arcada Planning Commission Chair regarding Cell Phone Tower to be place Luce Road east of VanBuren Rd. Property owned by City of St. Louis. A single 20ft Pole. Board did not see an issue with it.

Supervisor/Assessor's Report: County Master Plan meeting at RESD August 20. State sent equipment reimbursement of \$1.00 to twp.

County Commissioner: present

New Business:


- a. Discuss Land division appeal for ZBA request: Property is currently unconforming as is. This will need to go to the board as a land division request first and if denied then it will need to ZBA for an appeal.
- b. Approve the Master Plan update to County: Motion by M. Redman to approve the County Master Plan for distribution and for Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. to distribute notice and copies of the Master Plan to required entities and neighboring units of government on behalf of Arcada Township. Support by W. Baxter, motion carried.
- c. 2025 Tax Rate Request: Motion to approve 2025 Tax Rate Request as proposed by M. Redman and support by W. Baxter, Motion carried.


Old Business: none

Public Comment: Dave Ringle would like the Township to address the abuse of shooting on Ely Hwy and Seaman Road. The Property owners are shooting at all hours and the stray bullets are traveling past at least 3 properties. Mr. Ringle informed the Board that while his wife and daughter were out on the property a bullet went by them and struck a tree. Mr. Ringle and his wife were also outside on there property and a bullet passed their heads and struck a tree. The County police were contacted and told the Ringle's there was not much they could do. The property owners have a small berm with used tires and this is not enough to slow bullets down. Trustee Baxter recommended the Board reach out directly to the Sheriff not the deputies. The board agrees something needs to be done before someone is hurt.

Clerk Baxter discussed the Fire Island annual fee. Per the Ordinance the Board needs to approve a resolution to set fees. Recommended to contact the attorney and have the resolution prepared with a list of fees.

After Announcements and upcoming meetings, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. With a motion by M. Redman and support by W. Baxter. Motion carried.

  
Laureen Baxter, Clerk

  
Douglas Merchant, Supervisor