

January 7, 2020 Oliver township board meeting minutes.

Meeting called to order at 6:57pm and recited Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present, Larry Krohn, Tom Ziel, Kevin McKenzie, Jeanette Renn, Bob Krohn, Jim Seley, Dave MacArther, Bob Ross and guest, Fred Santos.

Approval of agenda. Moved by Tom Ziel to approve and seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

Consent agenda adoption. Minutes of December 2019 board meeting. Move to accept by Jeanette Renn. Seconded by Tom Ziel. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Balance on hand \$46,907.19.

Fire Chief's Report.

\$20,000 of loan to Oliver Township has been paid back to Oliver Township Fire Department.

Fireman's Association will meet at Oliver Township hall on January 8. Fire Chief expects several good speakers to attend.

Department elections results:

Assistant chief - Chad Seley, Captain - Tim Russell, Lieutenant - Ryan Upthegrove, Secretary/Treasurer - Dan Armbruster, Safety Officers - Dustin Seley & Mike Roberts.

Fire runs.

Dec. 15, 1 vehicle P.I. Hit pole.

Dec. 19, Full assist Winsor township at Huron Castings.

Dec. 30, Down electric wire caused by tree.

Dec. 30, Lift assist on Sebewaing road.

Site Permits. None.

Jeanette Renn spoke of possibly working with Caseville to get grants for fire department. Tom Ziel spoke about professional grant writer, Chris Wiggins, coming to next township meeting. His focus will be equipment for fire department.

Robert D. "Bob" Krohn turned in a letter of resignation for Clerk's position for health reasons. Bob and his wife Carolyn, as Deputy Clerk, have been on the Oliver Township Board for 47 years.

Tom Ziel moved to appoint Robert S. "Bob" Ross to Clerk for the remainder of the term, effective January 8th. Jeanette Renn seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Township board accepted Bob Ross's suggestion that Bob & Carolyn Krohn both remain as Co-Deputy Clerks because of their experience with the township. Bob Krohn agreed that would be fine. Motion by Jeanette Renn and Seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

Jim Seley has Fire Department bills that are different than he thought they should be. Jim and Bob Krohn to sort it out.

Michigan Townships Association convention in Lansing is April 27 - 30th. Larry Krohn and Bob Ross would like to go. Also possibly Tom Ziel and Kevin McKenzie. Motion by Bob Krohn to send up to four township board members. Seconded by Jeannette Renn. Motion passed.

Discussion of Pigeon District Library. Motion by Bob Krohn to renew funding at .15 mills. Seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion failed. Topic would be revisited in the future.

Motion by Bob Krohn to increase the fire department millage from .5 to 1 Mill and be put on August primary for voters to decide. Seconded by Tom Ziel. Motion passed. This would generate approximately \$126,000

A lengthy discussion about 2020 road repair plans was held. Motion by Kevin McKenzie and seconded by Tom Ziel to get estimates on 3 miles of regrinding and paving Richardson Road. Motion passed.

#### Assessors Report.

Dave MacArther said That taxable value will go up 1.9% for 2020. Assessed value for farmland will go down approximately 10%. Commercial and industrial property will stay approximately the same and residential will go down about 3%. Total taxable value in Oliver Township for the year 2020 should be around \$152 million. A \$225 bill will be paid for the Fetch software program that the assessor uses.

Commissioners Report. None. Steve Vaughn not in attendance.

Planning Commission Report. Bob Ross reported that planning commission members were studying bylaws and solar ordinances for future adoption. Due to taking clerk's position Bob Ross cannot chair planning commission. A new chairman will be appointed at next meeting.

Other business. Fred Santos reported that the flowing well project is done and he will get paid \$400 in April. Fred also commented about planting trees in the park. Township board to revisit tree project in the spring.

A motion to pay township bills by Jeannette Renn. Seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed. see attached list.

Motion by Tom Ziel and seconded by Kevin McKenzie to adjourn meeting at 8:15pm. Motion passed.