

July 6, 2021 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

The Oliver Township election board met just before the regular township meeting and approved the election workers for the August 3, 2021 election. See attached sheet.

Supervisor Tom Ziel called a meeting to order approximately 7 PM in the fire hall. Members and guest present, Tom Ziel, Larry Krohn, Dave McArther, Steve Vaughan, Jeanette Renn, Kevin Mckenzie, Gary Sweeney, Jim Seley and Bob Ross. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Bob Ross and seconded by Gary Sweeney to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Consent agenda adoption, minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve by Gary Sweeney and seconded by Kevin Mckenzie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand is \$450,357.12.

Jeanette Renn spoke about accounting difficulties with the county. She believed their tax payout to be \$46,000 short and after much discussion with the county treasurer they agreed to pay the extra 46,000 that is owed to our township.

Fire Chief's report:

The fire chief and three firemen demonstrated new battery powered lifesaving equipment. The equipment consisted of electric saws for cutting windshields of wrecked automobiles and "jaws of life" type equipment. The fire department had several fundraisers over the last couple years and agreed to pay half of that cost. All members of the township board felt that the equipment would be beneficial to public safety.

Motion by Bob Ross to split the cost of the new life saving equipment with the fire department. Total cost should be approximately \$30,000 with approximately 15,000 contributed by the township. Motion seconded by Jeanette Renn.

Motion passed.

Jim Seley reported that pumper truck#1 needed a regularly scheduled test on the pump. It would be done in the near future.

They also would do scheduled motor maintenance at the same time.

Collin Kuhn passed fire fighter#2 exam.

The fire department air pack tanks are due for a Hydro test and need to be painted. That will be done in the near future.

Fire Chief Jim Seley brought it to the attention of the township board that the eve troughs on the east side of the building are not working properly. During a rain storm a large amount of water is being dumped down the side of the building in one small area. The mortar and block are getting wet to the point where it's soaking inside of the building.

Larry Krohn reported there is a warranty on the eve troughs and would forward that information.

Fire runs:

June 4, personal injury

June 5, a low power wire

June 20, Lift assist at Rose garden

June 20, false alarm, Backyard burn barrel called in as "field fire".

June 24, assisted Pigeon fire department

June 24, power wire down

June 29, 4-wheeler fire

July 4, tanker assist Bad Axe

Tom Ziel reported the Road Commission would be working on Richardson road in the end of July or early August.

Larry Krohn reported that the American Recovery Plan Act signup deadline is July 27. Oliver Township could get up to \$66,000.

Motion by Bob Ross to pursue signing the township up for the federal program. Seconded by Kevin Mckenzie. Motion passed.

The township received a request to purchase graves in the Oliver Township cemetery. After a lengthy search Bob Ross could not find any maps for grave locations. Also, after walking the cemetery, he said there are many graves visible by depressions in the grass with no headstones. Larry Krohn reported that the township had a resolution several years ago to officially close the cemetery and no other new graves could be sold.

Elkton Community Club made a request for financial assistance with Autumn Fest. Motion by Jeanette Renn to give \$300. Seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Tom Ziel reported they are looking at raising the price of the standby fees that are billed to Chandler and Grant townships for fire protection. Clark & Clark is advising on the new Township fire department billing ordinance. The township accountants reported that the audit is going well.

Dave McArther, Township Assessor, reported that there would be a July 20 Board of Review and they still are looking for a third person to replace Sid Hurlbert who retired.

Commissioner Steve Vaughan reported he was appointed president of the senior advisory council for the county. Commissioner Vaughan also reported on several building projects in the county and MREC. The MREC (accelerated depreciation schedule for wind turbines to reduce tax liability) case has been ruled upon but is now going to appeals. Larry Krohn will find the dollar amount the township will have to pay back if the judgement is upheld.

Motion to pay the bills by Kevin Mckenzie and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed. See attached list.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob Ross, seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Check number 11140, Le Village market, \$47.71, fire truck fuel

Check number 11141, Jamie Wolschlager, \$192.38, Painting garage door frames on fire hall.

Check number 11142, village of Elkton, \$74.28, water and sewer for township hall

Check number 11143, Ignash Two Inc..\$122.28, fire truck fuel

Check number 11144, Brightguy.com, \$495.28, Batteries for fire department flashlights

Check number 11145, Thumb Office Supply, \$215.13, flags for firehall

Check number 11146, J&B plumbing, \$645.00, sewer work at fire hall

Check number 11147, Michigan townships association, \$2969.33, Michigan and Township association dues and online training subscription

Check number 11148, Thomas Ziel, \$650.00, Supervisor pay

Check number 11149, Robert Ross, \$1013.90, Clerk pay plus \$143.90 postage

Check number 11150, Jeanette Renn, \$1170.00, Treasurer pay and Deputy Treasurer pay

Check number 11151, Kevin Mckenzie, \$125.00, Trustee pay

Check number 11152, Gary Sweeney, \$125.00, Trustee pay

Check number 11153, James Seley, \$500.00, Fire Chief pay

Check number 11154, Elkton Community Club, \$300, Autumn Fest donation.