

# September 7, 2021 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

The Oliver Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tom Ziel at approximately 7 PM at the township hall.

Members and guests present, Tom Ziel, Gary Sweeney, Steve Vaughan, Jim Seley, Jeanette Renn, Bob Ross and Kevin Mckenzie. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Consent agenda adoption, minutes of last meeting. Motion by Jeanette Renn to approve. Seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand is \$491,405.60

Fire chief's report:

Jim Seley reported that the Autumnfest activities went well. The chicken barbecue was sold out. The fire department assisted with many other activities during the festival.

The fire department received some of the special tools that were ordered last month but they do not have a bill yet. The bill is expected when the last tools are delivered.

Jim Seley presented some bills to the township board for our fire fighter training and repairs on fire trucks.

The pumper truck has some issues with the exhaust and leaf springs. They will be fixed soon.

Fire Runs:

August 12, tractor fire.

August 21, lift assist.

August 28, electrical wires down.

August 29, air compressor fire at Tower Automotive.

September 6, one vehicle personal injury near Elkton and Limerick intersection.

Site permits: none.

Old business:

Tom Ziel reported that the audit went well and the CPAs would be at the October meeting to deliver the final report.

Tom Ziel reported that Don Clark, the Township lawyer, was still working on the service charge ordinance update for the township fire department.

The roof/eave trough repair has been done by H & H Roofing. We do not have a bill yet. The interior wall of the training room has been painted by the fire fighters.

New business:

After some lengthy discussion for several months about increasing the fire department standby fees for Chandler and Grant Townships, a motion to set the price at \$700 per section was made by Bob Ross. Seconded by Jeanette Renn. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to Chandler and Grant Townships explaining the increase.

Tom Ziel reported he spoke with DTE current concerning solar issues. They may want to do commercial solar power generation in Oliver township in the future.

Public comment:

There has been some complaints about a "F\$#% Biden" sign prominently displayed in the township. Gary Sweeney knew the people and would talk to them about taking down the sign.

Richardson road is mostly done except for the intersections. They are expected to be finished next week. So far we still have a zero balance with the Road Commission.

Jeanette Renn reported that revenue sharing projections for the upcoming year is at \$62,000.

All the retirement contribution payments have been collected except for the Assessor. He will mail his in.

Assessor's report:

None, Dave was not present.

Planning Commission report:

Bob Ross reported that the planning commission has not met since the previous township board meeting. They are still working on the solar ordinance and watching what the County Planning Commission does with their ordinance.

County Commissioner's report:

Commissioner Steve Vaughan reported on several items. He stated that DTE and MREC will have a meeting on Thursday morning to settle the wind turbine depreciation schedule that's been in court for years. We are hoping for a good results.

Sheri Stanton, Register of Deeds, passed away recently.

Several building, renovation and construction projects are ongoing in the county.

Tip MacGuire will be the new director of the Huron County Health department. He also has duties in Tuscola County.

Tom Ziel reported that the letter of credit renewal for New Harvest I wind turbines has not been received yet. It should be here soon. The letter of credit has to do with decommissioning wind turbines.

Adopted federal conflict of interest policy with a dollar value set at \$25. Motion by Jeanette Renn seconded by Bob Ross to set amount at \$25. Motion passed. We have to return the letter to the proper location.

Other public comments:

Tom Ziel reported he finished the L-4029 form so we can receive our tax payments.

Jeanette Renn reported that she received an offer on her house which has been for sale for several months. She could possibly have to resign as treasurer before next month. Several possible new treasurers made themselves known to the township board. After much discussion Bob Ross made a motion to appoint Gary Sweeney to the treasurers position when Jeanette could no longer do the job. It would be at the same pay rate. Second by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed. Jeanette Renn abstained from voting.

New township board for October meeting:

Tom Ziel Supervisor

Bob Ross Clerk

Gary Sweeney Treasurer

Kevin McKenzie Trustee

New Trustee to be named when appointed by the township board.

Motion to pay the bills by Gary Sweeney. Second by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.  
Attached list.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Sweeney. Second by Jeanette Renn. Motion passed

Check number 11187, Tom Ziel, \$650.00, Supervisor pay.

Check number 11188, Robert Ross, \$870.00, Clerk pay.

Check number 11189, Jeanette Renn, \$1170.00, Treasurer pay and Deputy Treasurer pay.

Check number 11190, Kevin McKenzie, \$125.00, Trustee pay.

Check number 11191, Gary Sweeney, \$125.00, Trustee pay.

Check number 11192, James Seley, \$500.00, Fire Chief pay.

Check number 11193, Mill Street auto, \$105.39, parts and supplies for fire department, August and September bill.

Check number 11194, le Village market, \$14.93, fire truck fuel.

Check number 11195, front line services Inc., \$2245.38, maintenance and repairs on fire pumper truck.

Check number 11196, Ignash Two Inc., \$178.11, fire truck fuel.

Check number 11197, Michigan State Firemen's association, \$137.42, fire fighter #2 books.

Check number 11198, Michigan state Firemen's association, \$75.00, fire department association dues.

Check number 11199, bright house life insurance company, \$7682.10, retirement.

Check number 11200, Venerable insurance and annuity company, \$288.00, retirements.

Check number 11201, municipal retirement systems Inc., \$400.00, retirements.