

January 4, 2022 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

The township meeting was called to order approximately 7 PM by Tom Ziel. Members and guests present; Tom Ziel, Steve Vaughan, Dave McArther, Gary Sweeney, Bob Ross, Jim Seley and Adam Herford.

Motion to approve the agenda by Bob Ross and seconded by Adam Herford. Motion passed.

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

Treasurer's report, balance on hand is \$337,362.28

Fire Chief's report.

Fire Chief Jim Seley stated that it was a slow month. He also applied to retain the position of Fire Chief for another year.

Fire runs:

Dec. 19, One vehicle personal injury North Elkton road.

Dec 23, full assist for Caseville Fire Department at Key North store.

Dec 27, One vehicle personal injury near Stein and Gagetown intersection. New windshield cutter was used and it worked very well.

1-4 Two vehicle personal injury at the Elkton and Richardson intersection.

Motion by Bob Ross to re-appoint Jim Seley as Fire Chief for another year. Second by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Site permits: none

New business:

Tom Ziel reported that the Huron Co. Road Commission recommended replacement of several drainage tubes under several roads in the township. These tubes need to be replaced 1 to 2 years before road paving to create a good solid road bed. Locations are; Richardson Road, Maxwell Road, Maxwell Road, Stein Road and Haist Road. Tom Ziel also reported that the HCRC is working on a quote for asphalt paving 2-1/2 miles (2 in the township and 1 mile shared with Chandler township).

Bob Ross made the motion to get a firm price quote for road tubes and proceed at the next meeting. Price totals are expected to be \$90,000 range. Seconded by Adam Herford. Motion passed.

Dave McArther, Township Assessor, reported that the Board Of Review training classes are scheduled for January 27 and 28th. Organizational meeting for the Board of Review will be on March 8, 6pm. Board Of Review will be March 16, 3 to 9pm and March 18, 9am to 3pm.

The AMAR review went well.

Dave McArther requested that we update the poverty guidelines to reflect the new numbers. Motion to approve new numbers by Adam Herford and second by Bob Ross. Roll call vote; Tom Ziel – yes, Bob Ross – yes, Kevin Mckenzie – yes, Gary Sweeney – yes, Adam Herford – yes. Motion passed. See attached resolution.

See attached poverty guidelines:

Steve Vaughan, County Commissioner, reported That the ongoing MREC debate should be finalized in about 2-weeks. Oliver Township may have to payback approximately \$18,000 because of a new tax schedule. Mr. Vaughan also talked about several ongoing county projects.

Motion to pay bills by Gary Sweeney and seconded by Adam Herford. Motion passed.
See list below.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Ross and second by Adam Herford. Motion passed.

Check number 10539, void

Check number 10540, EMC Insurance company, \$600.00, insurance

Check number 10541, Dinges Fire Co., \$2180.00, fan for Fire Department, last piece of fire department tool purchase.

Check number 10542, Tom Ziel, \$650.00, Supervisor pay

Check number 10543, Robert Ross, \$928.38, Clerk pay, postage, supplies and printer ink

Check number 10544, Gary Sweeney, \$1090.00, Treasurer pay

Check number 10545, Jeanette Renn, \$80, Deputy Treasurer pay

Check number 10546, Kevin Mckenzie, \$125.00, Trustee pay

Check number 10547, Adam Herford, \$125.00, Trustee pay

Check number 10548, James Seley, \$500.00, Fire Chief pay

Check number 10549, Huron County Clerk's Office, \$56.70, bill for elections

Check number 10550, LeVillage Market, \$57.85, fuel

Check number 10551, Ignash Two Inc., 158.54, fuel

Check number 10552, Mill Street Auto Supply, \$35.72, parts and supplies for fire trucks

Check number 10553, village of Elkton, \$75.00, water bill for township hall

Check number 10554, Bills Lawn Cutting, \$455.00, Township cemetery lawn mowing for 2021

Check number 10555, Thumb Office Supply, \$23.38, new desk plaques

Check number 10556, Election Source, \$615.00, maintenance on voting machines

Check number 10557, EMC Insurance company, \$654.00, increase in insurance for fire trucks and hall

Check number 10558, Huron County Treasurer, \$50.00, board of review training

Check number 10559, Colleen Krohn, \$25.00, reimbursement for Board Of Review online training

Check number 10560, ,Huron County firefighters training, \$1650.00, training for three firefighters

GUIDELINE RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Oliver, Huron County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household.

The Board of Review shall:

- Make the policy, guidelines, and application form available on the Township website;
- Not deviate from the adopted policy/guidelines for "substantial and compelling reasons";
- If a person meets all eligibility requirements in statute, the Board of Review must grant a full exemption equal to a 100% reduction in taxable value OR a partial exemption equal to a 25% or 50% reduction in taxable value OR any other percentage reduction in taxable value approved by the State Tax Commission (STC);

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the Supervisor/Assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed one-half of the median household income for Oliver Township (\$21,906). Claimants with a total asset value of \$21,906 or more will receive a zero percent (0%) poverty exemption. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.

7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2021

| <u>Number of Persons Residing in the Principal Residence</u> | <u>Poverty Guidelines Annual allowable income</u> |
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| 1 person | \$12,880 |
| 2 persons | \$17,420 |
| 3 persons | \$21,960 |
| 4 persons | \$26,500 |
| 5 persons | \$31,040 |
| 6 persons | \$35,580 |
| 7 persons | \$40,120 |
| 8 persons | \$44,660 |
| Each additional person, add | \$ 4,540 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by Township Board Member ADAM HERFORD and supported by Township Board Member BOB ROSS.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Aye": ADAM HERFORD, KEVIN ^{McKenzie} ZIEL, GARY SWEENEY, TOM ZIEL, BOB ROSS

"Nay": _____

The Township Clerk declared the resolution PASSED.

Robert Ross 1-5-22
Robert Ross, Clerk Date