

# Unapproved minutes.

## May 3, 2022 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

Supervisor Tom Ziel called the meeting to order approximately 7 PM in the Township hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members and guests present; Tom Ziel, Adam Herford, James Grannel, Steve Vaughan, Lonnie Schulz, Dave McArther, Jim Seley, Kevin McKenzie, Gary Sweeney and Bob Ross.

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

Consent agenda adoption, minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to do so by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report.

Balance on hand is \$1,000,980.38.

Fire Chief's report.

The fire department will hold a breakfast May 15 at the Youth Center in Elkton.

The fire department members received a thank you letter from the Bob Krohn family for the gift of a memorial sidewalk ornament.

Fire Chief Jim Seley reported that they found a used handheld radio that is in very good condition for \$2530.00.

Motion to approve purchase the handheld radio for the fire department by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

The Fire Chief also reported the three new firefighters felt good about their firefighter 1 test, but they have not gotten their results back from the state yet.

Fire runs.

April 27, house fire tanker assist.

May 2, lift assist south of town.

Site permits.

Richard (Richie) Krohn received a site permit for a pavilion for farm produce sales on Pigeon Road near Krohn Road. Site permit fee \$15.00.

Kevin Mckenzie reported on the proposed township hall sign. He provided drawings and pictures of what it would look like. It's going to be a 3 x 6' oval with a matte black finish and letters cut out. The sign will be powder coated for durability and mounted on the brick front of the building.

Motion by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney to purchase a township hall sign for approximately \$800. Motion passed.

Supervisor Tom Ziel reported that he and Adam Herford met with the Huron County Road Commission to discuss the format of their bills to the township. Tom and Adam both reported that progress was made and hopefully a new bill style would be coming soon.

Planning commission report.

Bob Ross reported that the planning commission meeting took place and a few items were discussed. Those items were, commercial solar, the caregiver ordinance just recently passed, an abandoned business sign on Elkton Road and appointment of planning commission members. Bob Ross will contact owners of said sign and have it removed under township ordinance. James Grannel was present at the Planning Commission meeting and expressed interest in being on the Planning Commission. All P.C. members approved and he was asked to speak with the township board for possible appointment.

Motion by Bob Ross and supported by Kevin Mckenzie to appoint Al Bumhoffer and Jamie Wolschlager to a 3 year term on the Planning Commission. Motion passed.

Motion by Adam Herford and seconded by Bob Ross to appoint James Grannel to the Planning Commission for the remainder of Bob Krohn,'s term until May 2023. Motion passed.

Tom Ziel reported Carolyn Krohn still wished to remain involved with the Township as Deputy Clerk. Motion by Adam Herford and second by Kevin McKenzie to appoint Carolyn Krohn. Motion passed.

Tom Ziel expressed massive frustration in dealing with the federal government on the Covid money report. There are two Oliver Townships in Michigan. The other Oliver Township was trying to enter information into our account and Tom could not finish the report. Sarah Mallory assisted Tom and they finished the report. Tom also reported the remainder of the money, approximately \$33,000, will come in November of 2022.

Bob Ross reported good progress was made on QuickBooks for the Township. It will be used mainly for tracking and budgeting purposes. A report will be given to the township board every month.

Dave McArther, Township Assessor, reported that the AMAR review required two minor fixes. Those items have been taken care of and he received a letter back stating there will be no more follow up. The township should be good for a few years in the assessing department.

Commissioner Steve Vaughan reported that there will be a .4 mil ballot proposal coming up to generate about \$1 million per year for the county 911 service. There has been an agreement made in the MREC wind turbine tax case. Townships must file paperwork with attorneys as soon as possible. He also commented on a few other ongoing projects in the county.

Bob Ross reported that there was a need for a new ballot container for the township. Price is \$75. Motion by Adam Herford and second by Gary Sweeney to purchase a new container. Motion passed.

A&A lawn care made a bid to mow the township cemetery. The bid was \$75 per mowing and there were no other bidders. Motion by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney to have A&A take care of the township cemetery. Motion passed.

Bob Ross moved to provide a resolution to agree with the wind turbine tax settlement on the DTE Echo wind park in Oliver township. This resolution shall be numbered 2022 – 1. Adam Herford supported the resolution. Roll call vote as follows: Tom Ziel – yes, Bob Ross – yes, Gary Sweeney – yes, Kevin Mckenzie – yes, Adam Herford - yes.

Resolution passed.

Adam Herford moved to provide a resolution to agree with the wind turbine tax settlement on the DTE Pinnebog wind park in Oliver township. This resolution shall be numbered 2022 – 2.

Bob Ross supported this resolution. Roll call vote as follows: Tom Ziel - yes, Bob Ross – yes, Gary Sweeney – yes, Kevin Mckenzie – yes, Adam Herford – yes. Resolution passed.

The appropriate paperwork will be sent to the MREC lawyers. Commissioner Steve Vaughan stated, the settlement will be paid by the county and the approximate \$17,000 will be withheld from tax payments to Oliver township.

Motion to pay the bills by Gary Sweeney and seconded by Adam Herford. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Ross and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.