

August 5, 2025 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

Supervisor, Tom Ziel opened the meeting at approximately 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members and guests present; Tom Ziel, Lonnie Schulz, Jim Seley, Kevin McKenzie, Gary Sweeney, Ryan Upthegrove, Steve Vaughan and Bob Ross

Motion to approve the agenda by Bob Ross and seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting and checks written by Kevin McKenzie and second by Bob Ross. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Total balance on hand with all accounts is \$1,117,483.38.

Fire Chief's Report:

Fire Chief, Jim Seley, reported there are 9 names of Oliver Township fire fighters on the memorial wall in Mio, Michigan. Fred Santos was put on the wall as Fred Santos Jr. It will be corrected.

A brief discussion was held about the finances of the fire department, and the future costs of new fire trucks. Bob Ross will bring a profit and loss report for last couple years to the next meeting for further discussion.

State Farm Insurance agency has a grant program. The fire department will apply for their \$10,000 grant.

The department tested hoses a small number need to be replaced.

Chief James Seley, reported that Autumnfest is coming up fast, and the department will be involved in several activities and fundraisers, including the chicken barbecue at the fire hall.

Fire Runs:

July 9, One vehicle personal injury near South Elkton Road and Haist intersection.

July 14, car on fire in a corn field just north of Eby Road. The car was not occupied when OTFD arrived, and is believed to be a stolen vehicle.

July 14, tree branch fell on powerlines near Dollar General.

July 16, lift assist.

July 25, two vehicle personal injury near Elkton One Stop.

A brief discussion was held on the contribution towards the Village Street projects. The dollar amount would be set at 35% of the road tax derived from the Village.

Supervisor Tom Ziel briefly reported that the ongoing cemetery project is still at the lawyers office. There also was discussion about the future cleanup of the cemetery. All matters concerning the cemetery were tabled until we get a response from Oliver Township counsel.

Tom Ziel, also mentioned that the Township and Fire Department bylaws need to be updated. Larry Krohn, Deputy Supervisor, is interested in helping rewrite the bylaws.

Bob Ross reported that the Planning Commission met and spoke about a unique piece of property in the township. The property had approximately 6 acres with a 75 foot wide driveway to the road and is situated behind other land that was closer to the road. The question was...could a home be built on that property. Technically, it did not meet the ordinance, as it stands today. This property in question was just recently sold as farmland, so it's a non-issue now. The Planning Commission agreed to look at each one, case by case, as needed in the future.

County Commissioner Steve Vaughan spoke of several state and local issues. One issue is that the county commissioners are now negotiating with seven unions for next year's county employee wage rates. Commissioner Vaughan also spoke of a battery project that's going in Windsor Township. They will get a tour soon.

Motion to pay the bills by Gary Sweeney. Seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

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