October 7, 2025 Oliver Township board meeting minutes. (Approved by Township board at November meeting.)

The meeting was opened by Tom Ziel at approximately 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members and guests present; Tom Ziel, Adam Herford, Jim Seley, Kevin McKenzie, Gary Sweeney, Bob Ross, Angela Guza, Lonnie Schulz, Steve Vaughan, John Klosowski, Robert Prill, Scott Holzwart, Chad Seley, Ryan Upthegrove and Haseed Usmani (Aypa power).

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

Motion to approve the previous month's minutes and checks written by Kevin McKenzie and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Balances for all accounts are $1,106,814.50.

Fire Chief's report:

Fire Chief reported that the Huron County association meeting was at Elkton on September 10th. They had about 50 people and it was a success.

There was training on September 23 about search & rescue and ladders.

Jim Seley reported they would like to buy an air compressor to fill up the air packs, so it could be done at OTFD hall. The cost of a new air compressor would be approximately $30,000. The fire department has received a number of donations recently and could cover a large portion of the cost. He will talk to the firefighters and report back to the next Township meeting.

November 1st will be Halloween in town with the fire department serving hotdogs and hot chocolate. The fire department got invited to Tower Automotive for a tour.

Fire runs:

September 4, hay barn fire.

September 5, wires down.

September 8, mutual aid to Bad Axe.

September 13, mutual aid to Bad Axe.

September 13 assistance to Owendale FD.

September 14, mutual aid to Windsor FD.

September 19, straw field fire.

September 21, mutual aid Owendale FD.

September 24, Rose Garden escapee search.

September 26, mutual aid, Windsor FD.

October 2, lift assist, Mckinley apartments.

October 4, Kilmanagh Road, wire down.

Chief James Seley said they were working on catching up on some state regulatory training reports, and that would be approached next week.

Tom Ziel reported briefly on the cemetery project. He spoke with Tim Gordon from Bad Axe Marble & Granite about cleanup ideas and cost. He will get back with Tom.

Tom briefly spoke about the turbine refurbishing plan for Harvest I starting in July or August 2026. It may take 2 to 3 years. They will use a wheeled crane that will be assembled and disassembled at every wind tower site.

Haseed Usmani from Aypa power (Pronounced IPA) gave a brief presentation on commercial battery power storage projects. He stated that they possibly would like to do a project in Oliver Township. They would like to acquire land for a battery project. If and when that happens, they will re-contact the Township.

Commissioner Steve Vaughan talked about several local issues. One was the battery storage project that's started on Pennebog Road in Colfax Township. He has had a tour.

There was a new judge sworn in at the courthouse, and there's been several changes to cut costs at the county level over the last while.

Angie Guza, Township Assessor, spoke about the drains at large bill and delivered a copy to the Township board.

There are two parcels in the township that had special assessments for drains in error.

Motion by Adam Herford to remove the following special assessments that were assessed to the following parcels in error.

Parcel 31–016–017–00 for the Elkton-Falk and Pennebog River Drain assessment 2023 tax year.

Parcel 31–010–090–00 for the Pennebog River and East Elkton Drain assessment, 2023 and 2024 tax years.

Motion seconded by Bob Ross. Motion passed.

Motion to pay the bills by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Along with the bills Bob Ross needs a new laptop for QuickBooks and the Clerk's office. Adam Herford would like to pay for the Berne Road corner light instead of being switched off by the township. He would like the bill switched to W.A. Herford and Sons. Motion passed.

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

Meeting minutes submitted by Robert Ross, Oliver Township Clerk.