

June 16, 2026 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

Tom Ziel, Supervisor, opened the meeting at approximately 7 PM at the township hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Due to scheduling conflicts the June and July board meetings were combined and held on June 16. All legal notices for changing the schedule were used, website and public posting at the hall, etc..

Members and guest present; Tom Ziel, Bob Ross, Gary Sweeney, Kevin McKenzie, Adam Herford, Jim Seley, Ryan Upthegrove, Steve Vaughan, Patrick Myers, Lindsay from Fahey Law Firm, and Next Era's lawyer, Maxine and Bob Becker and Mike Faupel Sr.

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

Motion by Gary Sweeney and seconded by Adam Herford to approve the minutes and checks written last month. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Total balance of all accounts is \$1,371,684.91.

Gary Sweeney reported that the M-Class interest rate is currently at 3.6%.

Fire Chief's report:

Chief Seley reported that they are working on an ISO survey., Kids day at the park went well and the Fire Department has a raffle going for Autumn Fest. Firemen's driver training is coming up in the near future.

Fire runs:

May 30, personal injury

June 1, lift assist on Soultown Road.

June 1, tanker assist, Kinde Fire Department.

June 12, phone line down.

Cemetery:

Maxine and Bob Becker were guests along with Mike Faupel Sr. They had questions on the Township cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Becker said that they own four plots in the township cemetery. They would like to use those plots in the future. They were also unable to produce any receipts or paperwork because they had a house fire several years ago.

The township Cemetery has been closed since 1982 and there are very few records. Only a list of names of people buried there. The Township board could not make a decision at the time of the meeting on how to proceed. Mr. and Mrs. Becker are known to several of township board members and they have relatives in the Township cemetery. Tom Ziel will contact the township lawyer on the matter. A suggestion was made that the township buy them four plots in the Riverside Cemetery nearby. The subject will be brought up at the next meeting.

Lindsay from Fahey Law Firm reviewed all the changes in the Battery Energy Storage System ordinance that were suggested by the Oliver Township planning commission. She gave a report to the Township board. A resolution was offered by Bob Ross to accept the changes as written up by Fahey law firm. Supported by Adam Herford. Rollcall vote showed all yes votes. Resolution passed.

Updated ordinance will be on the township website (Oliver twp.net) and published.

County Commissioner Steve Vaughan reported on several state and local issues. He also said the recall language was approved by the circuit judge and the recall of his position is moving forward. He said it would be an interesting next few months.

A&A Lawn Care's bid for mowing the cemetery and the Flowing Well is \$120 per mowing. There were no other bids. Adam Herford made a motion to approve the lawn care bid and all the other bills presented. Supported by Kevin Mckinzie. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourned by Gary Sweeney and Supported by Kevin McKenzie.

Motion passed.

Submitted by Robert Ross, Township Clerk