

May 2, 2023 Oliver township board meeting minutes.

Supervisor, Tom Ziel opened the meeting at the Township hall at approximately 7 PM. Members and guest present; Tom Ziel, Adam Herford, Steve Vaughan, Jamie Wolschlager, Kevin McKenzie, Gary Sweeney, and Bob Ross.

Motion by Bob Ross to approve agenda with a change in wording regarding appointment of Planning Commission and ZBA members. Agenda was written with ZBA only. Support by Adam Herford. Motion passed.

Consent agenda adoption, minutes of the previous board meeting and a list of bills paid. Motion to approve by Kevin McKenzie and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand is \$1,014,594.65

Adam Herford spoke with financial advisors at Raymond James at Bad Axe and told the group they pay 5% on deposits. He will follow up with more information next month.

Fire Chief's report:

Fire Chief, Jim Seley, reported the department got paid for a fire run from last fall.

The annual fundraiser breakfast/raffle is coming up. The department is looking for 10 sponsors at \$400 each. They have several lined up already. The breakfast will be held at the Youth Center, May 21st, 8 AM to 12:30 PM.

The department did training at Laker high school last month. They also practiced putting on their air packs inside the firetruck.

Pumper truck number 2 had a water leak in the tank. Richmond Steel repaired the tank by welding on a patch.

There was one fire run on April 24th. The department assisted Windsor Township on a house fire in Pigeon.

Dan Armbruster and Jim Seley are working on the grant process.

Supervisor Tom Ziel reported the asphalt bids for Richardson Rd is \$210,000 and Maxwell Road is \$218,000.

Every year the Township Board has to appoint two Planning Commission members and one Zoning Board of Appeals member for 3-year terms. Dan Drabek (PC), Scott Holzward (PC) and Gary Sweeney

(ZBA) are due for reappointment. Motion by Adam Herford to re-appoint Drabek, Holzwart and Sweeney to their positions. Support by Bob Ross. Motion passed.

Term durations:

Dan Drabek and Scott Holzwart 2026.

Al Bumhoffer and Terry Renn 2024.

James Grannell and Jamie Wolschlager 2025.

The Oliver Township Clerk, (currently Bob Ross) is a permanent member of the Planning Commission.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Terry Renn as chairman (until 2024).

Bill Herford (until 2025).

Gary Sweeney (until 2026).

Tom Ziel reported a complaint about garbage in a township residence yard. Bob Ross will provide a copy of ordinance. Owner of property will be notified soon.

Tom Ziel also reported that he would work with Sarah Mallory to submit paperwork for Covid relief report.

County commissioner, Steve Vaughan, reported there is a statewide effort to protest the annexation of 55,000 acres of public and private land next to the Grayling military base. He offered a resolution for the township to vote on. It says that our township would be against the annexation. Motion by Bob Ross to accept and agree with resolution. Support by Kevin McKenzie. Roll call Vote; Ziel-yes, Herford-yes, McKenzie-yes, Sweeney-yes, Ross-yes. Resolution passed. See attached copy of resolution.

Bob Ross reported the Planning Commission met and they recommend Oliver Township place a moratorium on commercial solar development until they finish the commercial solar ordinance. Motion by Adam Herford to proceed with a moratorium on Commercial Solar development until the Planning Commission finishes their ordinance. Support by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed. Tom Ziel will notify the township lawyer, to proceed with public notices, etc. etc.

Bob Ross reported that Marilyn Herford would like her mile of Farver road paved. It may take a few years but efforts will be made toward that goal. It's condition is poor and will need work to get ready for paving.

Motion to pay bills by Adam Herford and supported by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed. See attached list.

Motion to adjourn by Adam Herford and support by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

OLIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CAMP GRAYLING USE
OF STATE LANDS BY PERMIT
RESOLUTION NO: 2023-17

WHEREAS, The DNR and the Michigan National Guard have entered into a contract, entitled "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU), as a framework for the issuance of a series of permits over the next five years and beyond, for the use of state lands up to 52,000 acres for military training exercises, and controlled trials of cyber and electronic warfare training technologies with up to 600 soldiers and "affiliated partner members".

WHEREAS, Northern Michigan, and specifically our township, relies on the recreational opportunities presented by their beautiful rich forests, pristine rivers, and open farmlands and the people of Northern Michigan want to retain what is left of its rustic and natural outdoor playground atmosphere, for the enjoyment of its citizens and visitors.

WHEREAS, the Guard is still dangerously vague about the planned activities they will be conducted and the potential for adverse effects on the lands, wetlands and wildlife; and that there is no provision in the MOU for an environmental impact statement or even an environmental assessment, that should be done on the entire acreage before any permit is applied for or issued.

WHEREAS, the Michigan National Guard has yet to demonstrate that they cannot conduct these military uses on their existing 230 square miles.

WHEREAS, the "access" by the public to these lands as described in the MOU is a fallacy, because operations and maneuvers by as many as 600 soldiers and partners will interfere access by others.

WHEREAS, the permit process as outlined in the MOU and as provided by law does not provide the opportunity for the public

to be heard and have input.

WHEREAS, the supposed restrictions on uses by the Guard are a fallacy, because there is no mechanism for the DNR to track violations of these restrictions; no mechanism for people to report violations; no mechanism or obligation of the Guard to remedy violations; and there are no repercussions, including the termination of the MOU, when the Guard violates any of the restrictions meant to protect these lands and allow continued public use.

WHEREAS, these proposed uses on these lands will disrupt the peaceful enjoyment of the natural resources and reduce the effectiveness of the "PURE MICHIGAN Campaign," reduce tourism dollars to community businesses, and create even more hardships for its citizens.

WHEREAS, the Michigan National Guards usages of our public land has already created contamination of the areas ground water and has already been poisoning citizens for years without giving the community a plan for cleanup.

WHEREAS, the MOU increases use within the Manistee, Muskegon and AuSable River watersheds, thus increasing the possibility of contamination in the Great Lakes; since the Manistee and Muskegon Rivers both flow into Lake Michigan. The AuSable River flows into Lake Huron.

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling uses of state lands is directly contrary to the Mission Statement of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources: **"We are committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations."** and it is contrary to the DNR's obligations by state law: "The department shall protect and conserve the natural resources of this state; provide and develop facilities for outdoor recreation; prevent the destruction of timber and other forest growth by fire or otherwise; promote the reforestation of forestlands belonging to this state; prevent and guard against the pollution of lakes and streams within this state and enforce all laws provided for that purpose with all authority granted by law; and foster and encourage the protection and propagation of game and fish."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the OLIVER Township Board opposes the MOU and the allowing these military uses of state lands by permits to be issued to the Guard.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Governor and the DNR Director to immediately terminate the Memorandum of Understanding, as provided for in that contract.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the DNR and the

Governor to strike a better balance in favor of the environment and our community by denying the use of additional state lands by the Guard.

IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CLIVER Township Board directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Shannon Lott, Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this Township's State Senator and State Representative, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

This Resolution was offered by ADAM HERFORD ; supported by GARY SWEENEY

By roll call vote:

Those voting in favor:

YES - TOM ZIEL YES - ADAM HERFORD
YES - KEVIN MCKENZIE YES - GARY SWEENEY
YES - ROBERT ROSS

Those voting against:

NONE

Those abstaining/absent:

NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Township of CLIVER

Dated: ~~4~~ 5-2-23 By:

ROBERT ROSS

Township Clerk

Robert Ross

Oliver Township
Check Detail
May 1 - 16, 2023

Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	debit	05/04/2023	DTE		Cash	-184.36	-184.36
					285-920 Twp Hall Ut...	-184.36	184.36
TOTAL						-184.36	184.36
Check	debit	05/04/2023	DTE		Cash	-112.56	-112.56
					285-920 Twp Hall Ut...	-112.56	112.56
TOTAL						-112.56	112.56
Check	11017	05/16/2023	Tom Ziel		Cash	-793.00	-793.00
					171-702 Exec Super...	59.48	-59.48
					171-702 US Superw...	-733.52	733.52
TOTAL						-733.52	733.52
Check	11018	05/16/2023	Robert Ross		Cash	-1,061.00	-1,061.00
					216-702 Clerk Salary	-79.58	-79.58
					215-702 US Clerk D...	-981.42	981.42
TOTAL						-981.42	981.42
Check	11019	05/16/2023	Gary Sweeney		Cash	-1,329.00	-1,329.00
					263-702 Treasurer...	99.68	-99.68
					263-702 US Treasur...	-1,229.32	1,229.32
TOTAL						-1,229.32	1,229.32
Check	11020	05/16/2023	Adam Herford		Cash	-153.00	-153.00
					101-702 Trustee's S...	11.48	-11.48
					101-702 US Trustee...	-141.52	141.52
TOTAL						-141.52	141.52

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Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	11021	05/16/2023	Kevin Mckenzie		Cash	-153.00	-141.52
					101-702 Trustee's S...	11.48	153.00
					101-702.05 Trustee...	-11.48	-11.48
TOTAL						-141.52	141.52
Check	11022	05/16/2023	James Soley		Cash	-500.00	-555.00
					336-705 Firemen Sa...	45.00	600.00
					336-705.05 Firemen...	-555.00	-45.00
TOTAL						-555.00	555.00
Check	11023	05/16/2023	Jeanette Renn		Cash	-100.00	-92.50
					253-703 Deputy Tre...	7.50	100.00
					253-703.5 Dep. Tres...	-92.50	-7.50
TOTAL						-92.50	92.50
Check	11024	05/16/2023	Jamie Wolschager		Cash	-100.00	-82.50
					215-703 Deputy Cler...	7.50	100.00
					215-703.05	-92.50	-7.50
TOTAL						-92.50	92.50
Check	11025	05/16/2023	Thumb Welding Su...		Cash	-105.00	-105.00
					336-930 Repairs & ...	-105.00	105.00
TOTAL						-105.00	105.00
Check	11026	05/16/2023	Mill street Auto. Su...		Cash	-2.99	-2.99
					336-740 Supplies	-2.99	2.99
TOTAL						-2.99	2.99

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Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	11027	05/16/2023	Le Village Market		Cash	-56.84	-56.84
TOTAL					336-775 Gas & Oil	-56.84	56.84
Check	11028	05/16/2023	Ignash Two Inc.		Cash	-86.92	-86.92
TOTAL					336-775 Gas & Oil	-86.92	86.92
Check	11029	05/16/2023	Thumb Office Supply		Cash	-15.00	-15.00
TOTAL					253-727 Treasurer ...	-53.99	53.99
Check	11030	05/16/2023	Summit Fire Protec...		Cash	-147.00	-147.00
TOTAL					336-740 Supplies	-147.00	147.00
Check	11033	05/16/2023	Nietzke & Faupel P...		Cash	-1,175.00	-1,175.00
TOTAL					223-801 Audit & Acc...	-1,175.00	1,175.00
Check	11034	05/16/2023	Colleen Krohn		Cash	-24.38	-24.38
TOTAL					247-702.05 BORH Da...	-24.38	24.38

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Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	11057	05/16/2023	Angela Guza				
				Cash			
					209-702 Assessor S...	-1,503.75	1,503.75
					209-702 Dis Assessor	112.75	-1,127.50
					209-740 Supplies, M...	5.00	5.00
TOTAL						-1,395.97	1,395.97