

June 6, 2023 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

Supervisor, Tom Ziel opened the meeting at the township hall at approximately 7 PM with the pledge of allegiance. Members and guests present; Tom Ziel, Marilyn Herford, Larry Krohn, Steve Vaughan, Lonnie Schulz, Angela Guza, Gary Sweeney, Bob Ross, Jim Seley and three members from Next Era Energy Resources.

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

Consent agenda adoption, motion to accept the previous minutes and the checks written last month by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand is \$1,070,152.79.

Fire Chief's report:

Fire Chief, Jim Seley reported that there would be a bill for maintenance on the grass fire pick-up truck from Gary's Car Care.

The Fire Department fundraiser meal held at the Youth Center last month had very good attendance.

The Oliver Township Fire Department will be sponsoring a kids day in the park to show equipment on Saturday, June 10.

The mock disaster training that was held last month was very good. Fire Chief, Jim Seley reported it was very realistic with trucks turned on their sides and actors that played victims.

Fire runs:

May 15 electrical fire

June 4 motorcycle and car accident

June 6 a grass fire in town

Jim Seley also reported that they put in some grant applications and hope that they are successful.

Bob Ross reported that there were three site permits this month last month. Two for Dan Baranski, and one for Tina and Dutch Seley.

William S. Noguerras, manager and two other gentleman from Next Era Energy Resources gave a presentation on battery storage systems. Next Era could possibly place some electrical grid storage batteries on the east side of Grassmere Road just south 1/2 mile of M-142. This presentation was for educational purposes because it is actually not in Oliver Township but they wanted to inform us of possible future events.

Marilyn Herford expressed interest in improving her mile of Farver Road and getting it paved in the future. The Township board is in favor of the idea because it's one of the last roads that need major improvement. It will be put on the schedule for surveying, ditch digging, graveling, etc. then in a few years paving.

Tom Ziel reported that the current Huron County Road Commission is approximately \$381,000.

Commissioner's report:

Steve Vaughan reported that the county bought the old "Print Shoppe" building in Bad Axe. It will be used for the MSU Extension Office and record storage in the back of the building. It will take minor renovations and clean up to be useable. Mr. Vaughan also reported on several state and local issues.

Assessor's Report:

Township Assessor, Angela Guza, reported that Township Assessing issues are up-to-date. Adam Herford asked if she needed any help or any other things to make her job easier. At this time, she said everything was good. There was also a conversation of bringing a new Township Assessor candidate forward. That person would require training and possibly working with Angela for a time to get them up to speed.

Planning commission's next meeting is in July and because of the Next Era presentation we need to talk about battery storage electric facilities along with our solar ordinance. Part of that ordinance should be a frozen depreciation schedule or an agreed-upon depreciation schedule that will not be changed in the future.

Motion to pay the bills by Gary Sweeney and seconded by Adam Herford. Motion passed. With MTA dues set at the middle price range like last year. See attached list.

Other business:

Bob Ross reported that the QuickBooks was up-to-date with two years of financial information, and reconciled up till the end of April to the exact penny on the bank statement. May will be reconciled soon and Sarah Mallory from Nitzke and Faupel will start the audit later in the month with Gary Sweeney and Bob Ross providing all the information needed.

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