

October 3, 2023 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

Supervisor Tom Ziel opened the meeting at approximately 7 PM in the township hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members and guests present; Tom Ziel, Sarah, Mallory, Jim Seley, Gary Sweeney, Kevin McKenzie, Bob Ross, and Steve Vaughan.

Motion to approve the agenda by Bob Ross and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Consent agenda adoption, motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting/checks written by Gary Sweeney and seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand is \$685,635.37

Fire Chief's report:

Jim Seley reported that the annual required pump tests are done on the fire trucks and we will get a bill.

Halloween for the kids will be held at the fire hall on October 28 with hotdogs and hot chocolate.

The fire department is in the running for 3 grants of \$40,000, 10,000 and \$5,000. If the grants come, we could buy new air packs for the fire department. Prices range from \$79,000-\$89,000 for 10 air packs with 20 bottles. The fire department would pick up the balance from donation and fundraiser money.

Fire runs:

September 7, stove fire.

September 13, train derailment in town.

September 19, false alarm at Rose Garden.

September 29, false alarm at Tower Automotive (Autokineton).

October 1, Manure spill on M-142.

October 3, assist Gagetown Fire Department on housefire.

Site permits:

Huron Pork/Harvest Solar, Solar panel on Maxwell road North of Kilmanagh road. \$539,000 project. Fee \$500.

Bad Axe Dairy, Permit for double wide home and trailer home on Moore road. Fee \$45.

Motion by Kevin McKenzie, and seconded by Gary Sweeney to proceed with solar ordinance/battery moratorium. Motion passed. Moratorium is six months for the Planning Commission to finish ordinance and will be effective in October. See attached copy.

Sarah Mallory CPA, from Nietzke& Faupel Accounting gave the bi-annual audit report to the township board. The audit report shows that the Township is in good standing. Motion by Bob Ross, and seconded by Gary Sweeney to accept the financial audit report. Motion Passed.

Tom Ziel reported that the Huron County Road Commission bill still has a credit.

Commissioner's report:

,Huron County commissioner Steve Vaughan reported on several state and local issues. Repairs in the county courthouse from the recent water pipe breakage are ongoing and should be done before the end of the year.

Bob Ross requested that a parcel of land be released from PA-116. Motion by Kevin McKenzie to allow the parcel to be released. Seconded by Gary Sweeney. Roll call vote: Tom Ziel-yes, Bob Ross-abstain, Kevin McKenzie-yes, Gary Sweeney-yes. Motion passed.

Tom Ziel requested that we enter into close session for a few minutes to review the MREC proposal regarding a settlement. Motion to move to close session by Bob Ross and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

A brief discussion was held about the administration fees for tax collection. Oliver Township could gain one percent in revenues and cover the costs of tax bills etc. Motion by Gary Sweeney and seconded by Bob Ross to collect the 1% fee. Motion passed.

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

Motion to adjourn by Kevin McKenzie and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.