

November 7, 2023 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

Supervisor, Tom Ziel opened the meeting at approximately 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members and guests present; Tom Ziel, Lonnie Schulz, Kevin McKenzie, Gary Sweeney, Steve Vaughan, Jim Seley, Adam Herford, Next Era representative, Kristen Angel from M-class financial, and Bob Ross.

Motion to approve the agenda by Bob Ross and seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

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

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand is \$656,427.64

Kristen Angel was invited to speak about M-Class investments for Oliver Township. It is a municipal investment firm that has 870 Michigan entities participating at this time. The current rate on deposits is 5.5%. and it can be transferred in and out with no penalties. Interest is compounded daily.

Motion by Bob Ross to form a committee consisting of Tom Ziel, Gary Sweeney, and Adam Herford to proceed with getting set up with M-Class. This is to be set up before the December meeting with a small amount of money to get familiar with procedures and the committee will report back at the next meeting. Seconded by Adam Herford. Motion passed.

Fire Chief's report:

Fire Chief, Jim Seley reported that the Halloween festivities went well at the firehall. 500 hotdogs were served along with hot chocolate.

Jim Seley reported that the \$40,000 grant for air packs was approved. The air packs cost approximately \$80,000 for ten packs and 20 bottles. He also reported that the air packs must be purchased first and then we would be reimbursed \$40,000 with grant money. Last month's discussion was that the Township would have zero cost because of grant money and donation money from the Fire Department. This month, Jim Seley said the fire department only had \$30,000 to put toward the air packs. The township would have to pay the \$50,000 balance and wait for a reimbursement of \$40,000 from the grant company. The extra \$10,000 cost for the Township will come out of the fire and ambulance fund.

Motion by Bob Ross to proceed with purchasing the air packs, even though it would cost \$10,000 more than anticipated. Second by Adam Herford. Motion Passed.

When questioned about when the air-packs could be delivered, Jim Seley said, that the air packs were ordered during the grant process and were in his possession at the time of the meeting. This was not the understanding of the Township Board and a discussion of protocol and good communications ensued.

Fire Runs:

October 9, lift assist.
October 15, agricultural forage, chopper fire.
October 18, three vehicle PI near Laker school.
October 23, full assist with Gagetown Fire Department.
November 6, Berne Enterprises fire.

Fire Chief, Jim Seley turned in request for Firemans annual pay.

Applications for Fire Chief position will be accepted at the December meeting.

Supervisor, Tom Ziel reported that the MREC settlement is still ongoing.

The CVTRS report is done and ready to send. Tom Ziel will do that at the nearest available date.

Tom Ziel also requested that the Fire Department meeting minutes be forwarded to him on a regular basis.

Bob Ross reported that the Planning Commission spoke about the commercial industrial solar moratorium to finish the ordinance and a request from a property owner to sell off a 20 to 30 acre parcel in the rear of a farm which is also zoned commercial with an access road 50 feet wide next to a property line. The planning commission approved the request from landowner and it should have been voted on in the Township meeting. Commissioner Steve Vaughan spoke up and thought it might be a nonconforming property division and that further questions should be directed toward corporate counsel before voting.

Commissioner Steve Vaughan reported that the state legislature passed a bill to take away local control of commercial industrial solar and wind turbines from the townships. This would make all our efforts toward a commercial solar ordinance a waste of time now and usurp local control.

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

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