

**ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPT. 7, 2021**

Meeting called to order 7 pm. All board members present and 4 guests. Commissioner Conner and Fire Chief Ribble absent with notice.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Trustee Kraai to approve the August 10th meeting minutes. Support Trustee Ribble , all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

August Disbursements \$25,955.34

August Receipts \$63,855.75

August Balance \$849,070.10

Report on file

Motion Trustee Ribble to pay \$14,065.73 and any other bills forthcoming in the month of September. Support Clerk Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- **Email from Dept of Treasury; ARPA funds approved \$363,095.00**
- **Email from attorney Catherine Kaufman; Jake Eccleston is working on a response to ARPA letter, Tom sent for spending clarification.**
- **Email from the auditor specifying the State is requesting restricted ARPA funds use fund 282 in the general ledger.**
- **Reporting that the dedicated server has been installed.**
- **Emailed everyone the Martin Library report**

Report on file

Fire Dept Report:

Trustee Ribble reported for Fire Chief Ribble

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Public Comment:

Doug Clark questioned junk on property on Marsh Rd. address. Supervisor Rook responded Jack Ward has it on list of inspection violations.

Trustee Kraai questioned if board could notify people of scrap individuals to contact for removal of old cars and such.

Jodi Patrick updated Orangeville Day money raised; over \$8300

New Business:

Motion Clerk Risner to approve renewal propane contract with Endeavor Ag & Energy.

Support Trustee Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Ribble to handle renewal contract.

Clerk Risner detailed budget amendments.

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to approve budget amendments as presented. Support Trustee

Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Risner to send board members copies of amended budget.

Discussion on board salary increase.

Motion Clerk Risner to table proposed salary/wage increase until next meeting. Support

Trustee Kraai support, all ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Risner will present proposed salary/wage increases for all departments at next meeting.

Old Business: None

Board Comment:

Trustee Ribble presented written response to a public comment from August 10th, 2021 board meeting. Written response attached to meeting minutes.

Clerk Risner stated she would provide copies of MTA guidelines for ARPA funds for the special meeting on September 14th.

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned 7:54 pm.

Unapproved minutes

Mel Risner/Clerk

Response by Trustee Ribble to a public comment at the August 10th, 2021 board meeting.

Statement:

A public comment at the last board meeting on Aug 10th, stated that "wood chips should be paid for by the township". I also received an email that was taken off a Social Media site with this same comment and sent to me inquiring what was going on.

The township does pay for wood chips and has always budgeted monies for wood chips at the playground for more than 10 years at least, if not more. Reviewing past records, in 2013 we budgeted \$1000 for wood chips and improvements. Every year we review each line item and budget accordingly with anticipated revenues for the upcoming 12 months that start each fiscal year on April 1st. The expansion of that area was not factored into the budget as we had no prior knowledge or we could have possibly made considerations beforehand. The State of Michigan requires the township to have the budget finalized by the end of our fiscal year that ends on March 31 of each year and a Budget Hearing completed by April 1st and presented to the public by that date.