

ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2023

Meeting called to order 7 pm, all board members present with Treasurer Ritchie absent with notice. Also present Fire Chief Ribble and 5 guests.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Trustee Ribble to approve the October 3, 2023 board meeting minutes as corrected with wording to reflect "positive" not negative test on page 2 in Board Comments. Support Trustee Kraai, all ayes, corrected minutes approved.

Treasurer Report:

October receipts \$71,529.87

October disbursements \$28,344.95

October balance \$652,017.30

Report on file

Motion Trustee Kraai to pay \$13,186.70 and any other bills forthcoming in the month of November. Support Trustee Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Supervisor Rook to check into a sign for transfer station fees

Dumpster misuse fee is now closed

January 2, 2024 BCRC meeting at 6 pm

Bernie's Haul Away non-renewal insurance effective May 2024

Election reimbursement submitted in the amount of \$1659.78

ARPA funds must be spent in 2024 or under contract and paid by 2026

Sexton still planning on plotting of cemetery dependent on weather

Wind and solar bills passed. Barry County Planning Commission drafting a compatible ordinance

New water softener installed

County-wide FOIA coordinator not viable solution per county attorney

Miller Rd. gravel mining application tabled by Barry County Planning Commission

W-2 and 1099 reporting must now be done by the clerk electronically

Propane contract accepted at \$1.799/gal

Headstone damaged in cemetery

Report on file

Fire Dept Report:

0 Fires, 11 Medical, 1 PI Accident

Chief Ribble stated issues with new engine; still not in service and Chief Ribble refuses to accept at present.

Chief Ribble provided letter to the board addressed to CEO of KME for board's input. Board instructed Chief Ribble to discuss letter with attorney for advice on possible action to be taken.

Report on file

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner not present, no report sent to clerk.

Public Comment:

Park Committee reported Gun Lake Women's Club would like to donate 2 metal lawn sculptures for the park done by a local artist. Park Committee request for township to purchase an additional 2 sculptures with funds in the current budget.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve acceptance of sculptures from the Gun Lake Women's Club. Support Trustee Kraai, all ayes, motion carried.

Tabled request to purchase additional sculptures until Park Committee can confirm cost.

New Business:

Clerk Risner discussed upcoming election training and uncertainty of election equipment possible costs. Clerk Risner also stated the presidential primary will be held on February 27, 2024 and be reimbursed by the state.

Motion Clerk Risner to adopt Resolution 1123 Establishment of Early Voting Site, support Trustee Kraai, roll call, Ribble-yes, Kraai-yes, Risner-yes, Rook-yes. Nays-none. Absent-Ritchie. Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion Trustee Kraai to approve Spectrum Printers mailing of the required Early Voting Notice postcards to all qualified electors in the amount of \$2420.40. Support Trustee Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Kraai, to approve Ketchum Snow Plowing bid for the 2023-2024 season. Support Trustee Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Rook to contact Ketchum regarding Fire Dept. snow plow bid that was not submitted to the board as of this date.

Discussion on GLASWA rate increase. Rate increase proposed is 21.5%, Clerk Risner stated she felt this would be detrimental to those of fixed incomes. GLASWA to hold a public hearing, date not set at this time.

Litter Ordinance discussion, primarily 2 properties on Marsh Rd at issue. Supervisor Rook to contact Barry County enforcement officer to address the problem.

Old Business:

Gravel trucks speeding and unsafe driving is an issue. Supervisor Rook to contact Sheriff Dar Leaf and request additional monitoring/staff in our vicinity by sheriff dept. Another gravel company land purchase on Lindsey Road. Clerk Risner stated the gravel bills pending in the state legislature will not be acted upon until legislature returns in the new year. Clerk Risner contacted Rep. Smit's office; staff believes there are not enough votes to pass it out of the Regulatory Reform Committee yet.

Board Comment:

Trustee Kraai stated representative for geo-thermal heating/cooling system will be contacting Clerk Risner to visit township so they can then give township a quote.

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned 8:25 pm

Unapproved Minutes

Mel Risner/Clerk