

**ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

Meeting called to order 7 pm. All board members present except Trustee Kraai absent with notice. Fire Chief Ribble absent with notice and 10 guests.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Trustee Ribble to approve the November 14th meeting minutes. Support Supervisor Rook, all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

November receipts \$4,915.12

November disbursements \$23,340.65

November balance \$633,591.77

Report on file

Motion Trustee Ribble to pay \$26,041.45 and any other bills forthcoming in the month of December. Support Clerk Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Ketchum bid for fire dept. unchanged

Email from Deputy Noteboom regarding FOIA payment not received by the township

SAM registration has been updated

FOIA request from Shelly Lake granted, no fee charges because it took less than 15 minutes to complete.

FOIA request from Meg Pittman denied because township does not use software service for contracts.

Copies of Deb Masselink email regarding Justin Goodenough property preapplication to EGLE distributed to board. Deb Masselink email regarding driveway culvert on Godley property, she referred the matter to Frank Fiala at BCRC.

Bureau of elections notification regarding Early Voting Grants (still under development).

Rogers Heating to give township bid for geo thermal heating and cooling system.

November election board of canvasser minutes received, Orangeville no errors.

Clerk Risner mentioned election calendar additional deadlines for compliance due to Prop 2.

Report on file

Fire Dept Report: N/A

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Doster not present, no report received by clerk

Public Comment:

John Lake requested the board adopt a resolution declaring their support for the Second Amendment rights of all citizens of Barry County and to declare Orangeville Township a "Sanctuary Township" for Second Amendment rights. He also requested the board to adopt a resolution asking the Barry County Board of Commissioners to adopt Resolution 2023-09 "Resolution Repudiating Governor Whitmer's calls for Infringements on the Constitutional rights of American citizens," as written and approved on March 23, 2023. He further requested this resolution ask the Barry County Board of Commissioners declare Barry County, Michigan a "Sanctuary County" for Second Amendment Rights.

James Hooker and Ronna Lewis spoke in support.

Clerk Risner to send copies of the requested resolutions to attorney for review. No further action taken at this time.

Dave Mohr commented on Godley culvert and Godley reaction to pictures being taken of the work being done.

Trustee Ribble spoke to Barry County Road Commission about issuance of Godley driveway permit. Was told by road commission that permit was issued because legally they must allow property to have access to a public road.

New Business:

Motion Trustee Ribble to approve the Orangeville Township Board 2024 calendar. Support Treasurer Ritchie, all ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Trustee Ribble reported on Planning & Zoning Commission meeting regarding the Miller Rd. gravel pit. Stated no public comment was allowed. Stipulations she noted from meeting:

Hours 7am-7pm M-F, 7am-2pm Sat, Summer earlier start time

Dust & water monitors, ever so often, not on continuing basis

Reclamation Bond. No land reclamation plan presented on original ply, but MI Ag said they would do something.

Request to be routed on Hayward to Norris, then either north to Keller to Marsh or north on Norris and continue north to M-37, or Hayward to Norris, then south to Parker and Milo roads, then east to M43 to avoid downtown Delton

Planning & Zoning voted 6-1 to approve. Plan will be brought to BCRC and Trustee Ribble suggested Supervisor Rook ask to attend that meeting.

Trustee Ribbles notes from meeting will be on file.

Gun Lake Sewer discussion on rate increase tabled, awaiting further input from attorney.

Board Comment:

Supervisor Rook received letter, was asked by Director Lehman if he supported Earl Wilson serving another term on Barry County Central Dispatch Administrative Board as a Township Representative on the Board. Letter stated if he was in support of this, no response is necessary. Board discussion indicated all were in support of Mr. Wilson serving another term. Supervisor Rook will not submit a response.

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

Unapproved Minutes

Mel Risner/Clerk