

ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2025

Meeting called to order 7pm. All board members present, absent with notice Fire Chief Ribble & Commissioner Bassett, and 6 guests.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Clerk Risner to amend the agenda to include the Martin Library contract and the February 26th budget workshop minutes and to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

February receipts \$297,631.97

February disbursements \$58,476.00

February Balance (not including cd) \$444,974.13

Report on file

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to pay \$40,120.63 and any other bills forthcoming in the month of March. Seconded Clerk Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Report on file

Fire Dept Report (Supervisor Conner read report)

Report on file

Commissioner's Report (Supervisor Conner read report)

Report on file

Public Comment:

Ruth Perino

Linda Ribble

New Business:

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to amend budget as presented. Seconded Trustee Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Ribble to table discussion on fire department life insurance policy until April board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to hold a public hearing on tree trimming on Enzian road right of way to be held at the April 1st board meeting at 7 pm. Seconded by Treasurer Ritchie, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve the 2025-2026 sexton contract with Wickham Cemetery Care, with a change in opening of grave to \$700 and change in foundation charge to \$0.50/sq inch. Seconded Treasurer Ritchie, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve renewal of annual auditor terms of engagement with Siegfried Crandall. Seconded Treasurer Ritchie, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve renewal of grounds maintenance contract as modified; 5-year contract with first year fee of \$19,900 and annual 3% increase. Charge for hourly clean-up storm damage/grading of cemetery drive/snow plow debris clean-up at \$30/hr. Seconded Treasurer Ritchie, roll call vote; Clerk Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Trustee Ribble-no, Supervisor Conner-no. Supervisor Conner declared motion carried by 3-2 majority vote.

Treasurer Ritchie presented MI Class investment information and will add discussion to the April board meeting agenda.

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to renew Martin Library 2025-2026 contract in the amount of \$6700. Seconded Clerk Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to approve the township stage policy with requested revisions. Seconded Trustee Risner, ayes; Treasurer Ritchie, Clerk Risner, Trustee Risner, Supervisor Conner, Nay Trustee Ribble. Supervisor declared motion carried by 4-1 majority vote.

No action taken on direct deposit of payroll, date on pay stubs resolved the issue.

Board Comment:

Supervisor Conner

Trustee Ribble requested minutes reflect board look at increasing fire chief salary due to comparable with other fire chief salaries. Also wanted board to consider solar ordinance for township.

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to adjourn, seconded Supervisor Conner, all ayes, meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Mel Risner/Clerk

Approved Minutes