

ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD & PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2025

Meeting called to order 7:01 pm. All board members present, Fire Chief Ribble, Commissioner Bassett and 10 guests.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Clerk Risner to approve the amended agenda as presented. Second Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to approve the March 4th meeting minutes. Second Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve the March 4th election committee meeting minutes. Second Supervisor Conner, all ayes (Clerk Risner, Treasurer Ritchie, Supervisor Conner), motion carried.

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to approve the March 18th public hearing meeting minutes. Second Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: N/A

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to pay any bills forthcoming in the month of April, not to exceed \$60,000. Ayes; Treasurer Ritchie, Clerk Risner, Trustee Risner, Supervisor Conner Nay; Trustee Ribble, motion carried 4-1.

Correspondence: Report on file

Fire Dept Report: Report on file

Commissioner Report: Commissioner Bassett reported

Planning & Zoning Report: Report on file

Library Report: Report on file

BCRC Road Tour: No board members attending

Supervisor Conner received a request from the North Country Trail to be permitted to park on the north drive in the Oak Hill Cemetery . She advised that she has permitted this in the past for utility line maintenance. She requested a consensus of the board to allowed her to handle these requests in the future without coming to the board. Consensus given.

Supervisor Conner recessed regular meeting at 7:25 pm and called the public hearing to order

Brian Donnini from Barry County Road Commission outlined tree trimming of Enzian Rd, between Bever and Lindsey Roads.

Public Comment; Those in favor-Cindy Dill, Scott Hoekstra

Those opposed-Linda Ribble

Supervisor Conner closed public hearing at 7:34 pm and resumed regular meeting

Public Comment: Roni Lovelace, Jon Vanklompberg

Old Business:

Motion Trustee Ribble to approve tree trimming on Enzian Rd as specified at 10 ft width, work to be done after Oak wilt ends on July 15th. Second Supervisor Conner, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, Clerk Risner-no, Trustee Risner-no. Motion carried 3-2

Motion Trustee Ribble to table discussion to the May meeting on life insurance and pension for fire department. Second Supervisor Conner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve investment policy as presented and for policy to supersede any previous policies on file. Ayes; Clerk Risner, Treasurer Ritchie, Trustee Risner, Supervisor Conner. Nay; Trustee Ribble, motion carried 4-1

Motion Treasurer Ritchie to adopt Resolution 0425-3 addition of Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (MI Class) as approved investment option. Support Clerk Risner, roll call vote; Clerk Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, Trustee Ribble-no. Supervisor Conner declared resolution adopted 4-1.

New Business:

Motion Clerk Risner to change May board meeting date to May 13 due to election on May 6. Second Treasurer Ritchie, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to adopt Resolution 0425-4 ratifying current employees who did not come before the board. Second Trustee Risner, roll call vote; Clerk Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, Trustee Ribble-yes. Supervisor Conner declared resolution adopted.

Motion Supervisor Conner to approve Orangeville Township Park Committee (Jodi Patrick) submit grant application on behalf of Orangeville Township to the Barry County Parks and Recreation Commission by due date of May 12, 2025 and to report at May board meeting. Second Clerk Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve Merlex Computer bid for annual maintenance in the amount of \$1975 as presented. Second Treasurer Ritchie, roll call vote; Clerk Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, Trustee Ribble-no, motion carried 4-1.

Motion Supervisor Conner for township letter of support for MEI Telecom Services regarding MEI's Michigan BEAD grant application. Second Clerk Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to adopt Resolution 0425-2 Earned Sick Time Policy (ESTA) to establish ESTA guidelines. Support Treasurer Ritchie, roll call vote; Clerk Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, Trustee Ribble-yes. Supervisor Conner declared resolution adopted.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve agreement with Wayland Area EMS (WAEMS) due to Yankee Springs Township leaving WAEMS. Second Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to adopt Resolution 0425-6 Township Appropriation Act as amended omitting sections 11 and 12. Support Supervisor Conner, roll call vote; Clerk Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, Trustee Ribble-no, Supervisor declared resolution adopted 4-1.

Board Comment:

Motion Clerk Risner to permit Treasurer Ritchie to roll over two cd's in the amounts of \$137,648.55 and \$626,379.17. Second Trustee Risner; roll call vote; Clerk Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-no, Trustee Ribble-no, motion carried 3-2.

Motion Trustee Risner to adjourn, second Supervisor Conner, all ayes, meeting adjourned 9:18 pm.

Mel Risner/Clerk

Approved Minutes