**ORLEANS TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**April 26, 2022**

**Orleans Township Hall**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Colwell called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and led the Pledge Allegiance followed by a short invocation.

**Members present:** Clare Colwell, Bob Terrill, Al Almy, Melissa Harper and Barbara

Colwell

**Set/Amend Agenda**

Motion by Terrill, supported by B. Colwell, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

Under the Amend Budget portion of the consent agenda, Colwell informed the Board of adjustments to the following budget items:

**General Fund**

446-818 Road Work, Repairs to $55,020.00

446.25 Road Work ARPA Funded to $138,000.00

Motion by Almy, supported by Harper, to approve the amended Budget. Motion carried

unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Citizen inquired as to what could be done about the Long Lake water level.

**Reports**

A. **Police** – No report given

B. **Fire Department** – Chief Ron Hill stated that there were 18 runs in March 2022. A copy of the report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

C. **Building Authority** – No report given

D. **County Commissioner** – No report given

E. **Long Lake Improvement Board** – No report given

F. **Roads** – The Township has agreed with the Ionia County Road Department to effect repairs on Bricker Road and Catalpa Drive. Work is expected to be completed sometime in 2022.

G. **Permit Officer** – Almy presented the Board with the Permit Activity Report. Two

Permits were issued for the month of March. A copy of this report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

H. **Sewer**- B. Colwell reported that the Long Lake Sewer bond payment was remitted in the beginning of March.

**Committee Reports**

A. **Cemetery** – Bob Terrill reported that gravesite flags were ordered 5 weeks ago, he is currently waiting for the delivery.

B. **Recreation** – No report given

C. **Assessor Report** – Dean Kohagen reported that the second Board of Review is scheduled for July. Cards will be mailed the around the end of May to first of June, to 20% of Township properties for a review. This time these will be mainly around the lake.

**New Business**

A. **Appointment of Election Inspectors for May –** Clerk Harper presented the Board with a list of proposed Election Inspectors for Orleans Township for the May 3, 2022, Special Election. They are: Judy Deeren, Connie Heppe, Melbert White, Pamela White, and Telia Bauer. Motion by Almy, supported by Terrill, to approve the Inspectors as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

A. **Website Update** – Orleans Township website is now live at [www.orleanstwp.com](http://www.orleanstwp.com).

Ordinances, current year minutes, agendas, staff directory, job descriptions, meeting dates and times and other information are posted on the website. This represents the first steps in building the site. Colwell informed the Board and the attendees that any additional ideas, photos, etc., would be welcome. Please send to the Clerk - Melissa Harper at clerk@orleanstwp.com or Supervisor - Clare Colwell at supe@orleanstwp.com.

B. **Meeting Times** – Trustee Almy discussed meeting times and felt that he was seeing more involvement by the community in the evening rather than morning meeting times. Motion by Almy, supported by Harper, to move all meetings to evening @ 7:00 P.M. beginning May 24, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Supervisor Colwell adjourned the meeting at 9:54 A.M.

Date:

Melissa Harper, Orleans Township Clerk