**ORLEANS TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**May 24, 2022**

**Orleans Township Hall**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Colwell called the meeting to order at 7:00PM 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**

The following item was added to New Business:

Item C. Tax Rate Request

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

**Public Comment**

Several residents voiced their concerns opposing the proposed Pitsch Landfill expansion.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**General Fund**

101-728 Township Board, Office Supplies to $500.00

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

Motion by Almy, supported by B. Colwell, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

A. **Police** – – A written report was submitted by the Sherriff’s Deputy~~,~~ Mike Richards~~,~~ showing a total of 59 calls for the months of March and April 2022. A copy of the report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

B. **Fire Department** – Chief Ron Hill stated that there were 11 runs in April 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** – No report given

G. **Permit Officer** - Al Almy presented the Board with a Permit Activity Report. Two

permits were issued for the month of April. A copy of this report is on file in the

Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

H. **Sewer**- B. Colwell reported that sewer bills will be going out in September.

**Committee Reports**

A. **Cemetery** – Harper reported that we have received the flags and that they have been placed at the gravesites.

B. **Recreation** – No report given

C. **Assessor Report** – No report given

**New Business**

**ICRD Gravel Agreement –** Colwell gave the Board a brief overview of the annual Gravel Agreement with the ICRD. Motion by Harper, supported by Almy, to approve the Gravel Agreement for Ionia County Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**Long Lake Improvement Board Appointment** – With Tim Heenan’s resignation from the Long Lake Improvement Board, Colwell discussed with the Board three candidates who had expressed interest in serving in Mr. Heenan’s place. Motion by Terrill, supported by Almy, to appoint Michele DeBrabander to replace Mr. Heenan as a member on the Long Lake Improvement Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Tax Rate Request** – Ms. Harper discussed with the Board the annual Ionia County tax rate request. Motion by Harper, supported by C. Colwell, to approve the Tax Rate Request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to be discussed.

There being no further business, Supervisor Colwell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Date:

Melissa Harper, Orleans Township Clerk