**ORLEANS TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**June 28, 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**

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

**Public Comment**

Resident questioned when the next Long Lake Improvement Board will be meeting

**Consent Agenda**

 Motion by Almy, supported by Terrill, 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 May 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 20 runs in May 2022. A copy of the report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

C. **Building Authority** – Treasurer, B. Colwell and Supervisor, C. Colwell met with the USDA to review the building for the building authority, review is required every 3 years for compliance.

D. **County Commissioner** – Scott Wirtz and David Hodges attended the County meeting last week; Scott would like some feedback with any concerns regarding the Pitsch landfill. To contact Scott Wirtz, his phone number is listed on the Ionia County’s website.

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

F. **Roads** – The road department are short on drivers to adequately deliver brine on the roads in a timely manner.

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

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

 Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

H. **Sewer**- No report given

**Committee Reports**

A. **Cemetery** – Greene cemetery’s sign needs to be replaced and the water pump at Greene Cemetery has been fixed.

B. **Recreation** – No report given

C. **Assessor Report** – Dean Kohagen reported that the second Board of Review is scheduled for July. Assessors will be starting to review 20% of Township properties in July. This time these will be mainly around the lake.

**New Business**

**Flagpole Replacement –** Colwell brought the Board up to date on the repair/replacement of the Township’s damaged flagpole. Motion by B. Colwell, supported by Almy, to approve the purchase of the flagpole from Flag’s unlimited in the amount of $3,714.99. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Accountant** – Mr. Colwell informed the board that Ms. Harper received a letter from Larry Tiejema informing he would no longer be doing the Orleans Townships audit for the year ending March 31, 2022. He contacted five different firms to request proposals for the work. Only one firm, Walker, Fluke & Sheldon made a proposal which was presented to the Board for its consideration. Motion by Almy, supported by Terrill, to accept the bid from Walker, Fluke, and Sheldon in the amount of $8,025.00 to perform the Township’s yearly audit. 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