**ORLEANS TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**August 23, 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 B. Approval Eight cap to use Hall

 Item C. Federal Firearm discussion

The following items were added to old Business:

 Item A. ARPA Recap

 Item B. Bricker Road/Catalpa Drive project

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

**Consent Agenda**

Supervisor Colwell asked that the following adjustments be made to the budget:

* Move the $148,541.21 budgeted income from GF Income Account “ARPA” (no GL# assigned) to GF income account #931-855 “ARPA Funds.”
* Increase the budgeted amount in GF Expense Account #171-981 Technical Support from $250.00 to $5,000.00
* Increase the budgeted amount in GF Expense Account #446-818 “Road Work – ARPA Funded” from $120,000 to $140,000 to reflect original budget data.

Motion by B. Colwell, supported by Almy, 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 41 calls for the month of July 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 July 2022. A copy of the report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

 Chief Ron informed the board, the Ionia County Fire Chief Association meeting will be held at the Orleans Townhall on Sept. 21, 2022.

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. Three

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

 Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

H. **Sewer**- Third quarter billing will be mailed

**Committee Reports**

A. **Cemetery** – No report given

B. **Recreation** – No report given

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

**New Business**

**Wind/Solar Ordinance** – Supervisor Colwell informed the board that it would appear that having an ordinance in place to address the use of Solar and Wind energy systems is something that will need to be addressed in the near future. The Board agreed that such ordinances should be researched and, if possible, adopted within short timeframe. Colwell asked Almy and Terrill to assist in putting together ordinances to bring to the Board for its review.

**Approval for Eightcap to use the Hall** – In the past, there has been a verbal agreement for the local EightCap facility to be able to, temporarily, use the Township Hall in the event of an emergency that forced them from their current facility located at the corner of M-44 and Orleans Road. They have asked that the agreement be formalized and provided a document for the Township’s review. Motion by Harper, supported by Terrill, to grant permission to EightCap to use the facility in case of temporary emergency and for Colwell and Harper to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**Federal Firearm Discussion** – An Orleans Township resident contacted the Supervisor to inform him that he was applying for a Federal Firearms License (FFL). One of the requirements of the federal government as part of the licensing process is a statement from the Township that no ordinance exists forbidding a resident to hold and exercise the lawful activities allowed by the holder of an FFL. The Board agreed there was no such ordinance and directed Supervisor Colwell to draft and send the aforementioned statement.

**Old Business**

**ARPA Recap**

Supervisor Colwell shared a sources and uses of funds chart with the Board describing planned expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

**Bricker Road & Catalpa Dr** –The Township has received current bids for the planned resurfacing of Bricker Road and Catalpa Drive. Bricker Road for Crush/Shape & Pave 3” was $193,875.00. The estimate for a 2” Overlay on Catalpa Drive was $41,580.00. Total for both projects was $235,455.00 versus the original 2022 budget for both projects of $140,000.00. There was a 2” Overlay option also submitted for Bricker Road however, after discussion, the Board felt that, in view of the volume and type of traffic on Bricker Road, the Crush and Shape option was the more viable choice for long term durability. Motion by Almy, supported by Terrill, to pave Bricker Road using the Crush/Shape & Pave 3” option in the amount of $193,875 in this fiscal year. Almy amended his motion to add tabling the Catalpa Drive project to fiscal 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Date:

 Melissa Harper, Orleans Township Clerk