**ORLEANS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**December 21, 2023**

**Orleans Township Hall**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Colwell called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short prayer.

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

**Set/Amend Agenda:**

The following item was added to New Business:

 Item A: AT&T Permit Extension

The following item was added to Old Business:

 Item A: Budget Revision

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

**Public Comment:**  There was no public comment.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda contained the November 28, 2023, minutes as well as the Township’s balance sheet, P&L’s and a disbursement ledger for the general and sewer funds for November. Motion by Terrill, supported by B. Colwell, to approve the consent agenda as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

A. **Police** – A written report was submitted by ~~the~~ Sherriff’s Deputy Mike Richards, showing a total of 22 responses for the month of November 2023. 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 November 2023. The report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

C**. Assessor Report** – No report

D. **County Commissioner** – No report

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

F. **Roads** – No report

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

 discussed in detail. No permit was issued for the month of November, due to

 pending board approval. A copy of this report is on file in the Orleans Township

 Clerk’s Office.

 Additionally, he provided the Board members with a copy of proposed changes to the

 Residential Dwelling Ordinance and asked the members of the Board to review and

 plan to discuss at the January 2024 meeting.

 **Setback for 161 Maple View Drive –**Mr. Almy presented the Board with a request for a 64’x 8” setback for the construction of a new home. This represents a variance from the 68’ setback required by the ordinance. Parcel #120-001-000-065-36. Motion by Almy, supported by Terrill, to approve the variance as presented. Motion carried.

**Setback for 2144 Catalpa Drive** –Mr. Almy presented the Board with a request for a 0’ setback from the south side of property for the construction of a 22’ x 24’ garage. Parcel# 120-090-000-330-00. Motion by Terrill, supported by B. Colwell, to approve the variance as presented. C. Colwell, Almy and Harper opposed. Motion failed.

Motion by Almy, supported by C. Colwell, to approve a variance with a 1’ setback from the south property line boundary. Terrill opposed. Motion carried.

H. **Sewer**- No report

I. **Cemetery** – No report

J. **Building Authority** –No report

K. **New Business**

 A. **AT&T Permit Extension –** Harper provided the board with a contract

for the Metro Act Right Way Permit Extension to be extended until December 31, 2028. Motion by Harper, supported by Almy, to approve the AT&T contract extension. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Old Business**

A. **Budget Revision –** Supervisor Colwell presented and discussed with the Board a budget revision proposal. Motion by Almy, supported by Terrill, to approve the budget revision as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Next Orleans Township Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00PM

Date:

Melissa Harper

Orleans Township Clerk