**ORLEANS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**May 28, 2024**

**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 Old Business:

    Item B: Blight Update

The following item in Reports changed name:

 Item G: Treasurer

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

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

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda contained the April 23, 2024, minutes as well as the Township’s balance sheet, P&L’s and a disbursement ledger for the general and sewer funds for April. Motion by B. Colwell, supported by Harper, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

A. **Police** – No report

B. **Fire Department** – Chief Ron Hill stated that there were 17 runs in April 2024. The report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

C**.        Assessor Report** – Dean Kohagen reported in the next week notices will be mailed to approximately 20 % of Township properties that will be assessed.

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 it in detail. Three permits were issued for the month of April. A copy of this report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

 **Permit for 14’x 76’ Mobile Home** – Mr. Almy presented the Board with a request to

 extend the permit to June 30th, 2024, to obtain the necessary permits from the Ionia

 County Building Department and Ionia County Health Department.

 Motion by C. Colwell, supported by B. Colwell, to approve the final

 extension as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

H. **Treasurer/Sewer**- No report

I. **Cemetery** – Clerk Harper informed the board the small flags have been placed in the cemeteries.

J.         **Building Authority** –No report

**New Business**

A.     **ICRD Gravel Agreement –** Motion by B. Colwell, supported by Almy, to approve the Ionia County Road Department gravel contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

1. **Fire Special Assessment –S**upervisor Colwell attended the Berlin Township meeting in May in an effort to learn more about how their township implements their fire assessment fees. Hewill be reaching out to the Township’s attorney to see what the next steps will be if we decide as a board to go forward with the Township’s Fire Department special assessment.
2. Blight Update – Supervisor Colwell brought to the board’s attention the blight issue and showed the Board a few pieces of homeowners that have not complied with the correspondence letter. The board has discussed how we can move forward to enforce residents to comply with the letters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next Orleans Township Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 7:00PM

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Melissa Harper

Orleans Township Clerk