

# ORANGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

2028 STATE ROUTE 487

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**February 3, 2022**

## Call to Order:

The meeting of the Orange Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Calvin Fox. Attending were, Supervisor John Long, Secretary/Treasurer Erika Burkhart, Supervisor Gene "Dan" Fetterman, Chris Bower, Grif Jones, Stephen Kistler, John and Jennifer Thackray, Don Bogert, Nathaniel Flook, Bob and Elaine Edwards, Wayne Farver.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 3, 2022 meeting was presented and approved.

**Recognition of Guests:** Don Bogert questioned the \$50,000 deficiency that had been mentioned in a previous meeting. Erika Burkhart explained she was not certain of the exact amount as of 12/31/2021 but it was the loss of earned income tax which caused the deficit. He wondered if a Planning Commission is a good idea to review Ordinances. Calvin Fox explained a planning commission is established through ordinance. He stated it is an expensive process to create and dissolve ordinances. It is very difficult to find residents willing to serve on Township Boards and that is why it was dissolved previously. Mr. Bogert asked if a firm could be hired or the Supervisors could review all ordinances to update them. Mr. Fox explained the Township can do this as necessary.

## Treasurers Report:

General Fund	221512.12
ARPA	64582.64
State Fund	158338.16
Mt. Plsnt Sewer	43971.31
Woods Edge Sewer	6779.27

**Bills:** Supervisor Dan Fetterman made a motion to approve the paid bills. Calvin Fox seconded. Motion approved. John Long stated he abstained from the vote due to his employment at Sunbury Motors, which is a paid bill this month.

## Police Report:

**Zoning and SEO Report:** Chris Bower reported he is getting ready to send letters and applications out for RV permits for 2022.

**Mt. Pleasant Sewer:** Running well. There may be free smoke testing in the near future for both plants.

**Woods Edge Sewer:** Running well.

**Roadmaster:** Calvin Fox reported they have been performing winter maintenance, tree removal and truck repair. The Township purchased a used mower. The road crew went to welding class at Vo-Tech. The class was provided free by the Commissioners.

**Old Business:**

**SOLAR/ZONING AMENDMENT:** John Long made a motion to accept the draft amendment and hold a public hearing March 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Township Building. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved. In addition, the draft will be sent to the County Planning Commission for a 30 day review. Copies of the ordinance were provided.

**POOL COVERS:** After discussion in previous meetings, Calvin Fox put up the opportunity to the Board to consider amending the zoning ordinance to include hard pool covers in lieu of a pool fence. John Long did not, and Dan Fetterman did not make a motion. The motion was lost therefore the Board will not consider revising the zoning to include hard covers for pools.

**BELLES ROAD:** John Long made a motion to advertise work to be performed on Belles Road so that bids would be considered at the March meeting. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

**REPEAL POLICE ORDINANCE WHICH INCLUDED GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP:** John Long made a motion to accept and pass the ordinance presented to remove Greenwood Township from the Regional Police Agreement. This ordinance repeals ordinance number 12052019 which added Greenwood to the Police Agreement. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

**New Business:**

**ROAD CREW TAKING TRUCKS HOME:** After discussion regarding allowing the road crew to take Township trucks home during severe inclement weather, John Long made a motion to allow Jack Donbach and Lukas Bird only, to take trucks home during winter weather emergencies when the roads are too risky to drive their personal vehicles on. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

**DISSOLUTION OF REGIONAL POLICE:** Calvin Fox explained Orangeville Borough submitted their intent to withdraw from the Regional Police Board effective 12/31/2022. Orange Township is interested in keeping the police department and moving it to the Municipal Building. The idea was offered to the residents present and all residents appeared to want to continue the police coverage. In answer to the Borough's letter, Orange Township feels it is necessary to submit a letter to withdraw so that the Borough could not renege on their decision. John Long made a motion to submit a letter of dissolution to Orangeville Borough for the Regional Police Agreement effective February 3, 2023. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

**GARAGE BAY FOR POLICE:** The idea to remodel the existing garage bay in the back of the Township Building was discussed and tabled.

BUILDING OVER RECYCLING AREA AND LEAN-TO: After discussion, due to the growth of the Township, John Long made a motion to advertise for bids to be considered at the March meeting for a pole style building to be placed over the existing recycling pad and a lean-to on the back of the Township Building to hold additional equipment. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

**For the Good of the Township:**

**Adjournment:** With no further business left to discuss, Supervisor John Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Dan Fetterman seconded, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Erika Burkhart**

**Orange Township Secretary/Treasurer**

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