

ORANGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

2028 STATE ROUTE 487

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November 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, Chief Daniel Patel, John and Jennifer Thackray, Steve Kistler, Clyde Bartholomew, Terry Bogert, Bob Edwards, Jeff Bauer, Don Bogert.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 6 and 27, 2022 meetings were presented and approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Treasurers Report:

General Fund	46633.28
State Fund	123246.95
Mt. Plsnt Sewer	28410.25
Woods Edge Sewer	5045.02

Bills: Supervisor John Long made a motion to approve the paid bills. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Police Report:

Zoning and SEO Report: Chris Bower reported he will keep track of RVs that remain on lots and send letters if necessary.

Mt. Pleasant Sewer: Working well. Had to be pumped due to solids blocking the lift.

Woods Edge Sewer: Working well

Roadmaster: Calvin Fox reported they finished mowing for agility, worked on police office, are getting ready for winter, cleaned ditches with blower borrowed from the county,

Old Business:

New Business:

Resolution to appoint County as 2023 tax collector; John Long made a motion to appoint Columbia County Tax Office as Tax collector for 2023. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Motion to advertise the Township's intention to hire an independent auditor for 2023: John Long made a motion to advertise the Township's intention to hire an independent auditor for 2023, to be considered at reorg in January. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Appraisal for Police assets: John Long made a motion to approve the police asset appraisal as provided by Thomas McMurtrie in the amount of 81682.70. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Agreement to terminate Police Board: After discussion regarding options for payment to the Borough for their portion of the assets/remaining checking account after December 31, 2022 John Long made a motion to offer the Borough to pay off the balance over a period of 5 years beginning in 2023, and as a secondary offer in case the first offer is not accepted, make one lump sum payment in 2023 in the amount of 10000.00 and then pay the balance in equal payments over a period of the next 4 years beginning in 2024. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved

Motion to advertise ordinance to terminate police board: John Long made a motion to advertise the ordinance to terminate police board after the agreement has been accepted by Orangeville Borough. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved

Proposed 2023 budget: The proposed budget was reviewed. John Long made a motion to approve and advertise the proposed 2023 budget. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Tax millage increase: Due to inflation and rising costs along with undertaking the police department, the Township is unable to operate under the current Real Estate tax rate of 2 millages (2%) The Board explained the current tax millage of 2% was one of the lowest in the county. There has not been a tax increase in more than 20 years with the exception of the increase of .5 mill to balance the removal of the per capita tax. The Board had hoped not to increase taxes however, they had relied on sums of money from property sales coming in the past and that had stopped. They had studied several ways to generate revenue such as instilling a per capita tax. This did not seem feasible due to administration costs for the tax and the fact a portion would go to the school district. They did not want to burden the taxpayers with another tax that would not generate much for the Township. They considered instilling an LST(Local Services Tax) however there are not enough people employed in the Township for it to make sense as this money is only paid(\$1/week per person) by people that are paid by businesses located in the Township. Finally they wanted to increase the EIT(earned income tax) which would only tax wages earned however, that is capped by the state at 0.5%. With no other options available John Long proposed to advertise an ordinance to be considered for adoption at the December 1, 2023 meeting to increase the 2023 tax millage an additional 4% for a total of 6% which the Board feels will still leave a shortfall but felt they could make do with the 4% increase. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

For the Good of the Township: One road crew position is vacant and will not be filled in order to save resources. The sewer bids for pumping will be put out to be awarded at the December 1, 2023 meeting. Don Bogert asked if the Supervisors would assure him there would be no building or lean-to erected in 2023. The Board assured him of this. Steve Kistler asked about an open house for the police department and if the Board considered having a citizen at large.

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 8:05p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Erika Burkhart

Orange Township Secretary/Treasurer

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