

# ORANGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

2028 STATE ROUTE 487

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**March 2, 2023**

## Call to Order:

The meeting of the Orange Township Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Calvin Fox. Attending were, Supervisor John Long, Secretary/Treasurer Erika Burkhart, Supervisor Gene "Dan" Fetterman, Bob Edwards, Pat Brewster, John and Jennifer Thackray, Steve Kistler, Grif Jones, Don Bogert, Terry Bogert, David Bogert, Chris Bower, Daniel Patel, Alec Engleman.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the February 2, 2023 meeting presented and approved.

**Recognition of Guests:** Don Bogert asked if minutes would be added to website for January. Erika Burkhart said yes. He wondered why the Township is cindering the road before a winter storm and felt it cost more. Calvin Fox explained they are pretreating the roads just as the State does and it helps melt the snow and get it off the road easier when plowed and it does not cost more because we would've put the material down anyway and it is safer because the roads don't get as slippery. Terry Bogert asked for work to be done on the Kline/Bowman section of Oman Road. Calvin Fox said they will be finishing that up this spring. T. Bogert asked about the rat problem. Calvin Fox explained we still had the exterminator coming in twice a week and the rats are still around. He said we will be wrapping the base of the exterior walls in metal to keep rodents out and that the wall between the food bank and meeting room was already done.

## Treasurers Report:

General Fund	56110.17 plus about 32000 from the police account that was recently closed.
State Fund	122795.14
Mt. Plsnt Sewer	22110.35
Woods Edge Sewer	4206.24

**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 stated there is a variance hearing March 20 for Randy Karchner's property on Stoneybrook road. Mr Karchner wants to start a B&B. A B&B is an allowable. Mr. Karchner is seeking approval to run the B&B without living on the premises.

**Mt. Pleasant Sewer:** Alec Engleman stated the plant is fine now but there was a large amount of chemicals that had been poured into the plant at one point this month. The chemicals were a severe detriment to the plant. They had to get seed sludge from another plant to even our plant out and get it back on track.

**Woods Edge Sewer:** Alec Engleman explained the hole in the tank is being watched and other than that the plant is okay.

**Roadmaster:** Calvin Fox reported they will be deciding soon which roads to work on this year, they have begun pretreating the roads before snow, fixing potholes, tractor repair, removing material from Woods Edge sewer.

**Old Business:**

Sewer contracts 2023-2025: Tabled

**New Business:**

HOP acknowledgement for SAI Realty's application for Orangeville Convenience Store: After review of the Highway Occupancy Permit application provided to the Township by SAI engineer LIVIC Civil, John Long made a motion to draft and submit a letter to LIVIC Civil stating the Township reviewed and acknowledged the HOP application. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved. FYI: This is not an approval of any sort. This is an acknowledgement of receipt and review necessary to PA DOT.

Sewer approval for Orangeville Convenience Store: Tabled

Zimmerman Wildlife Solutions: After discussion, John Long made a motion to approve: In order to continue and expedite mitigation of the rodent problem a mid month bid is expected from Zimmerman Wildlife. If the bid to "wrap" the base of the building in metal to deter rats from entering through the metal is below \$5000, the Township will proceed and accept the bid. If it exceeded \$5000 we will find another price. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Columbia County Conservation District yearly Memo of Understanding signed with no discussion.

FYI Frontier fiber optics: Frontier is going to be installing fiber optic lines in areas of the Township. One area is Sandy Stone, Chandler, Vantage drive. They have provided plans and 2 additional updated plans. HRG has been called in to help advocate for the Township as the plans do not depict or explain everything the company is trying to do. There will be more information on this as it is available.

**For the Good of the Township:** Cal Fox explained the Supervisors all have equal input when it comes to decisions. In addition, Jack Donbach takes care of roads and the day to day. Chris Bower is codes and zoning. Daniel Patel is the Police Chief. Erika Burkhart is the Manager.

**Correspondence:** Presented and Reviewed.

**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 7:15p.m.

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Erika Burkhart**

**Orange Township Secretary/Treasurer**