

ORANGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

2028 STATE ROUTE 487

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April 4, 2024

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, Supervisor Dan Fetterman, Erika Burkhart, Daniel Patel, Chris Bower, John and Jennifer Thackray, George Myers, Bob Edwards, Jeff Roan, Cortnee Williams, Don Bogert.

Calvin Fox notified the guests there was a personnel meeting held prior to the Township meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 7, 2024 meeting presented and approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Treasurers Report:

General Fund	99203.58
State Fund	230561.51
Mt. Plsnt Sewer	9321.30
Woods Edge Sewer	1179.56 (owe general fund 7000)

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

Police Report: On file

Zoning and SEO Report: Chris Bower reported he is working on permitting the RVs in the flood plain for the season.

Mt. Pleasant Sewer: On file.

Woods Edge Sewer: On file.

Roadmaster: Calvin Fox reported; working on downed trees, regrading of roads (Savage Hollow, Sportsman), brush mowing, equipment repair. The COG bids will be opened at the next COG meeting.

Old Business:

New Business:

Williams Zoning Permit fee: Tabled

Existing sewer operator: After discussion regarding the reasoning why the relationship with Phoenix should be terminated, which includes: additional charges which are increasing, extreme pushback regarding a request to view invoices for testing, and not following the terms of the contract, the Township would like to go in a different direction.

John Long made a motion to give Phoenix Water and Wastewater, as per the contract, a 60 day notice of termination with the last day being May 31, 2024. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

New sewer operator: Cal Fox explained each bid, from Myers Environmental and JB Wastewater Operations prices include all costs associated with the monthly operation of each plant. Any costs that are over and above the typical monthly operations will be discussed and paid at an hourly rate. Orange Township is responsible to pay for all materials. Each operator provides a 30 day out clause for either party. Myers Environmental 5300 for both plants with a 3% increase yearly beginning 1/2025. Myers will charge 55 hourly for a mechanic, 60 hourly for a lead mechanic, 65 hourly for an operator, managers and supervisors are an additional charge. JB Wastewater Operations 2600 for each plant totaling 5200 with a \$50 per plant increase beginning 1/2025. JB will charge 50 hourly. John Long made a motion to accept JB Wastewater Operations bid laid out above. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Personnel: Cal Fox explained the Township needs to hire a part time road worker and is having trouble finding someone. Because of this, the Supervisors would like to increase the part time wage to \$20/hour and decrease the hours offered from 20 to 30 to see if anyone would be interested. In turn, they feel it is only fair to increase the full time road employee wage so he is making quite a bit more than the part timer. As far as police, we are having a hard time getting part time police officers and the Supervisors would like to increase the pay to \$25 to get officers to work. The budget of 20000 for part time police will not be exceeded for 2024 even with the increase in pay.

John Long made a motion to:

- Increase Jack Donbach pay from \$21.41 to \$23.00 per hour

- Increase the part time road position pay from \$17.00 to \$20.00 hourly and decrease the part time road hours from 30 to 20 weekly.

- Increase pay for Andy Rupp from \$22.00 to \$25.00 per hour

- Increase pay for Philip Savidge from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per hour

- Hire Joshua Laidacker and Daniel O'Donnell as part time police officers at a rate of \$25.00 per hour

Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

For the Good of the Township:

Correspondence: 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 7:05p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Erika Burkhart

Orange Township Secretary/Treasurer

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