

ORANGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

2028 STATE ROUTE 487

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January 2, 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, Secretary/Treasurer Erika Burkhart, Supervisor Gene "Dan" Fetterman, Elaine Edwards, Rick Megargell, David Bogert, Don Bogert, Terry Bogert, John and Jennifer Thackray, Mike Delcawicz.

Re-organization:

Temporary Chairman: Calvin Fox appointed John Long temporary chairman.

Chairman: John Long made a motion to appoint Calvin Fox as Chairman. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman: Dan Fetterman made a motion to appoint John Long as Vice-Chairman. Calvin Fox seconded. Motion approved.

After reviewing the following appointed positions. John Long made a motion to appoint and accept all documented below.

Secretary/Treasurer/Manager/CEO/CFO: Erika Burkhart

Roadmaster: Calvin Fox

Equipment Foreman: John Long

Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer/SEO: Chris Bower

Alternate SEO: Jim McDeavitt

Engineer: Herbert, Roland, and Grubic with 2024 retainer agreement

Resolution for Solicitor and fees: Hummel, Lewis, and Davidson \$185/ hour for general matters \$200/hour for litigation, paralegal: \$92.50 and \$100.00 respectively

Depository: Journey Bank

Mileage: \$0.67 per mile

Vacancy Board: Steve Kistler

COG Representative: Calvin Fox

COG Building Code Executive Board: Calvin Fox

Police Chief: Daniel Patel

Emergency Management Coordinator: Dan Fetterman

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor: Hill, Turowski, James and Lehman

Zoning Hearing Board: Lisa Padner 2024, 2025, 2026

Treasurer's Bond for 2023 \$450,000

FEMA related CEO: Calvin Fox

Floodplain Administrator: Erika Burkhart

Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Independent Auditor: Tabled until we get the 2023 quote

Current pay:

Chris Bower \$621/month

Erika Burkhart \$28.66/hour \$75/advertised meeting

Jack Donbach \$20.79

Shane Parr \$15.45 (to be noted as part time help)

Andy Rupp \$20.00

John Lennon \$18.00

Philip Savidge \$18.00

John Long made a motion to increase hourly employees hourly wage each by 3% and part-time police officers by \$2.00 per hour for 2024. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved

Minutes: Minutes from the December 7, 2023 meetings presented and approved.

Recognition of Guests: Don Bogert expressed his extreme concern regarding tannerite explosions from his neighbor's property. Don Bogert stated the explosions rattled his home and knocked glass from a shelf. David Bogert stated the explosions scared his children into the basement. After Chief Patel explained tannerite was a legal item and that he had spoken to District Judge Brewer regarding this issue, there was nothing he could enforce. Don Bogert wants the Township to enforce the nuisance ordinance. It was agreed upon that Chris Bower would be contacted to write a letter in accordance with the nuisance ordinance. David Bogert requested a school bus sign be placed near his home for the safety of his children. PENN DOT will be contacted to perform a bus sign study. After the results of the study are received and the sign placement is determined and approved, the Township will provide David Bogert with a sign quote as he will be responsible for the cost of the sign, and costs associated. David Bogert is also concerned about speeding on Stoneybrook Road. Chief Patel is in the process of borrowing automated speed signs which will be placed on Stoneybrook Road to track speed for several days. Rick Megargell was also very concerned about the tannerite explosions and has researched and found ordinances in Pennsylvania that have been passed with regard to tannerite and will send the information he found to the Township.

Treasurers Report:

General Fund 134168.02

State Fund 137772.67

Mt. Plsnt Sewer 11493.64

Woods Edge Sewer -3503.48. Erika Burkhart explained she is holding checks until revenue comes in from the current bills and money can be deposited to cover the checks.

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 posted signs for the Williams hearing.

Mt. Pleasant Sewer: on file.

Woods Edge Sewer: on file.

Roadmaster: Calvin Fox reported they have been performing equipment repair and flood cleanup.

Old Business:

Accountant resolution 2023: John Long made a motion to approve the resolution to hire an accountant for the 2023 audit. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved

New Business:

Hire new part time police officer: John Long made a motion to approve and hire Carter Pries at \$20.00 per hour as a part time police officer. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

For the Good of the Township:

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 7:07p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Erika Burkhart

Orange Township Secretary/Treasurer