

ORANGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

2028 STATE ROUTE 487

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November 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, Supervisor Dan Fetterman, Erika Burkhart, Daniel Patel, Chris Bower, John and Jennifer Thackray, Don Bogert, Terry Bogert, Bob Edwards.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 5 and 26, 2023 meetings presented and approved.

Recognition of Guests: Terry Bogert expressed his concern over the item of "Tax Increase" on the agenda. Terry is concerned the Township is becoming "Tax and Spend." Terry does not think the Township can afford a police department or a new police car. He wondered why and if we need 2 police cars. Don Bogert asked why the Township could not buy a used police car. Don asked if the Township received grant money for the police department remodel.

The Board explained with the rising costs of everything, they knew last year when they instilled a 4mil increase they would have to increase the millage again. If the Township has a police department, the department has to be functional. The car we traded was old and needed a repair that would cost the same amount as the car is worth. Two police cars are needed for times when there are more than 1 officer on duty and in the instance which happens often, someone needs backup, or if there is an accident and one is out of commission. The next closest backup is Scott Township 10 or 20 minutes away. The police department already inherited a used police car that had gone through 2 other police departments and was not safe to be used as a police car. Buying a used police car is not feasible. The police department was remodeled with grant money from the American Rescue Protection Act (ARPA).

Treasurers Report:

General Fund	143186.21
State Fund	136604.87
Mt. Plsnt Sewer	10060.38
Woods Edge Sewer	3161.94(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 all the campers are almost out for the winter.

Mt. Pleasant Sewer: On file

Woods Edge Sewer: On file

Roadmaster: Calvin Fox reported; working on equipment and cleaned ditches.

Old Business:

Woods Edge Sewer Rates: John Long made a motion to approve the resolution 11022023-1 to increase the sewer rates at Woods Edge by \$100 per quarter for a total of \$339.60 per quarter and the late fee will be increased from \$10 to \$20 per month late. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

Kistler Barn use: The Supervisors decided without motion, they cannot afford to rent barn space.

New Business:

Tax Increase: Discussion regarding the reason for a proposed tax increase included rising costs and the increase last year of 4% was not enough to sustain the Township and the Supervisors know at that time they would have to have additional increases. John Long made a motion to advertise the proposed ordinance to increase real estate tax from 6 mil to 6.5 mil for 2024. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

RV Fee Resolution: Calvin Fox explained the fees collected for the RVs in the flood plain are not enough to compensate the Township for the administration, inspections, and permitting. Dan Fetterman made a motion to approve the resolution to set the fees at \$25/parcel with 3 or less campers and \$50/parcel and an additional \$2 for each camper on parcel with 4 or more campers. John Long seconded. Motion approved. This is a \$1 increase per camper on a parcel of 4 or more.

Budget: The proposed budget was presented. John Long made a motion to advertise and display the budget until the December 7, 2023 meeting. Dan Fetterman seconded. Motion approved.

*Erika Burkhart reported the advertisement to show intent to hire and accountant for 2023 will be published November 3 along with the budget notice.

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 7:20p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Erika Burkhart

Orange Township Secretary/Treasurer

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