**ORLEANS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**June 25, 2024**

**Orleans Township Hall**

**Call to Order:**          Supervisor Colwell called the meeting to order at 7:03PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a short prayer.

**Members present:**    Al Almy, Bob Terrill, Barb Colwell, Melissa Harper and Clare

 Colwell

**Set/Amend Agenda:**

Supervisor Colwell proposed moving the Adoption of Preliminary Determination Hearing from Old Business to New Business. Additionally he proposed adding the following to be added to the New Business agenda:

B: Damage to the old school building

C: Pitsch Landfill Update

Lastly, he proposed adding a determination on the Headlee Rollback proposition that the Township had been considering.

Motion by Terrill, supported by Almy, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Ken Haverstick expressed his concerns regarding the rumors that the Long Lake Party Store was planning to add gas pumps at their location near the Long Lake public landing.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda contained the May 23, 2024, minutes as well as the Township’s balance sheet, P&L’s and a disbursement ledger for the general and sewer funds for May. Motion by Almy, supported by Terrill, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

A. **Police** – No report

B. **Fire Department** – Chief Ron Hill stated that there were 13 runs in May 2024. The report is on file in the Orleans Township Clerk’s Office.

C**.        Assessor Report** – Dean Kohagen reported that he has started assessment work on 20% of the Townships’ properties. Those properties being assessed received notifications that the process was taking place.

D. **County Commissioner** – No report

E. **Long Lake Improvement Board** – No report

F. **Roads** – No report

G.        **Permit Officer** – Almy informed the board he had no permits issued for the month of May

 **Permit for 14’x 76’ Mobile Home** – Mr. Almy presented the Board with a request to

 extend the permit to July 31st, 2024, with the condition that the mobile home must

 be connected to a septic system and potable water supply approved by the ICHD.

 Motion by Terrill, supported by Harper, to approve the extension as presented.

 Motion carried unanimously.

H. **Treasurer/Sewer**- Treasurer Colwell informed the board she will be mailing 2024 taxes next week.

I. **Cemetery** – No report

J.         **Building Authority** –No report

**New Business**

A.     **Resolution to Make Preliminary Determination and Set Hearing Date for Cost Estimate and Creating a Special Assessment District** **–** Supervisor Colwell discussed the process involved in moving forward with the proposed Fire assessment program. He passed along the process as provided by the Township’s attorney, Mary Kay Shaver of Varnum and discussed the proposed schedule along with the resolution to create the Special Assessment District. Motion by Almy, supported by Terrill, to approve the resolution to make preliminary determination and set hearing on establishing special assessment district. Harper abstained. Motion carried.

B. **Discuss Building Damage –** Supervisor Colwell informed the board that the backside of the old Library Building has some damage on the siding caused, apparently by rocks being thrown at the building by youngsters. According to a witness she saw the boys throwing the rocks. Colwell has advised the Ionia County Sheriff’s department and will contact the Township’s insurance carrier to determine next steps.

C. **Pitsch Landfill Update –** TrusteeAlmy informed the board that he attended the last meeting regarding the expansion of the Pitsch Landfill. A public hearing has been scheduled for August 26th at 6:00pm at the Township Hall to hear residents’ concerns.

**Old Business**

1. **Headlee Rollback –**Supervisor Colwell has informed the board that the Orleans Township attorney reached out in regards if the board still would like to go forward with the Headley Rollback process. In view of the work being done with the Fire Special Assessment program, it was the consensus of the Board to put the Headlee Rollback on hold at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next Orleans Township Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 7:00PM

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Melissa Harper

Orleans Township Clerk