

**Proposed Minutes of January 13, 2025**

The Ossineke Township Board met in Regular Session, at the Ossineke Twp. Hall. Clerk Dorie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Members present were Clerk Jo'Lee S Dorie, Treasurer Denise Schultz, Trustee Jerry Leschinger and Trustee Randy Fairbanks. Absent: Supervisor Kenneth Lobert. Also present were Gary and Mary Jenuwine, Steve Diamond, Harry Krentz, Jack Tufts, Ann Gonsler, Kevin Grulke and John Abbott.

Motion made by Schultz, Leschinger supported, **CARRIED**, to have Randy Fairbanks chair the meeting in place of Supervisor Lobert.

The minutes of December 9, 2024, were approved as read.

**The Treasurer reported balances on hand as of January 1, 2025, as follows:**

\$749,643.16 in the General Fund  
\$1,784.01 in the Liquor Fund  
\$37,295.73 in the Fire Protection & Equipment Fund  
\$188,354.55 in the Trust and Agency

Treasurer report filed as read.

**CITIZENS:**

Mary Jenuwine informed the board that she started looking into possible savings the township could have if we cancel the land line at the hall and switch it to a track phone or no phone at all. Mary believes the savings could be between \$700.00-\$900.00 per year. Possible concerns in cancelling the land line would be any requirements we would have for hall rentals. Jo'Lee will contact the insurance company and find out what, if any requirements we have for rentals.

**MTA CONFERENCES:**

Fairbanks moved, Leschinger supported, **CARRIED**, to send any board members that would like to attend the MTA Capital Conference March 4, 2025 at the Lansing Center, the MTA Educational Conference and Expo March 31 – April 3, 2025, at the Devos place in Grand Rapids and the NEMCSA Renewable Energy training in Gaylord, MI. All expenses paid.

**ZONING:**

1 zoning permit issued.

**RECYCLING:**

Randy gave us an update from the recycling meeting, how the new director is doing, and that they are working on site plan for new facility. Invoice for annual support will be coming.

**PLANNING:**

Schultz gave us an update on the January 8, 2025, planning meeting on Short-Term rental Ordinance. Planning Board will be starting on the Master Plan soon.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION:**

Ossineke Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Dorie moved, Schultz supported, to adopt ordinance No. 1 of 2025. An ordinance to amend the Ossineke Township Zoning Ordinance Article 2 (Construction of Language and Definitions) and Article 4 (District Regulations) to address tiny homes. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS:** Fairbanks, Schultz, Leschinger and Dorie. **NAYS:** none. **ABSENT:** Lobert. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dorie moved, Schultz supported, to adopt ordinance No. 2 of 2025. An ordinance to amend the Ossineke Township Zoning Ordinance Article 2 (Construction of Language and Definitions), Article 4 (District Regulations), and Article 7 (Supplemental Development Regulations) to address renewable energy. **ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS:** Fairbanks, Schultz, Leschinger and Dorie. **NAYS:** none. **ABSENT:** Lobert. **MOTION CARRIED.**

To view the full ordinance please contact the Clerk.

**WEBSITE:**

Dorie brought up the townships website and the need to look into having it updated. We have received a proposal from STG (Shumaker Technology Group) for annual maintenance contract. The proposal has been emailed to all board members for review for future discussion.

**BILLS:**

Schultz moved, Leschinger supported, **CARRIED**, to pay all bills presented 12615--12640.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Leschinger moved, Dorie supported, **CARRIED**, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

  
Jo'Lee S Dorie  
Township Clerk