

## Proposed Minutes of March 13, 2025

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

The minutes of February 20, 2025, were approved as read.

### The Treasurer reported balances on hand as of March 1, 2025, as follows:

\$768,211.93 in the General Fund  
\$1,492.08 in the Liquor Fund  
\$73,180.26 in the Fire Protection & Equipment Fund  
\$94,895.74 in the Trust and Agency

Treasurer report filed as read.

### CITIZENS:

Kevin Sylvester asked when Ratz Road will be completed, particularly the ditching. Lobert will contact the Road Commission to follow up.

### RESOLUTION 2025-1:

Resolution to establish township officers' salaries; **BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Resolution, is subject to MCLA 41.93 (3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting; the salaries for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that as of February 20, 2025, the salary of the township Clerk shall be as follows: **CLERK: \$16,500.00**. The forgoing Resolution offered by board member Fairbanks, supported by board member Leschinger. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Lobert, Schultz, Leschinger, Dorie and Fairbanks. **NAYES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Supervisor Lobert declared the Resolution 2025-1, **ADOPTED**.

### RESOLUTION 2025-2:

Resolution to establish township officers' salaries; **BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Resolution, is subject to MCLA 41.93 (3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting; the salaries for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that as of February 20, 2025, the salary of the township Treasurer shall be as follows: **TREASURER: \$16,500.00**. The forgoing Resolution offered by board member Leschinger, supported by board member Fairbanks. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Lobert, Schultz, Leschinger, Dorie and Fairbanks. **NAYES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Supervisor Lobert declared the Resolution 2025-2, **ADOPTED**.

### WAGE INCREASES:

Wage increases made for the fiscal year 2025–2026 were as follows: Janitors wages from \$18.00 to \$20.00 per hour. Assistant Assessor wages for Sabrina McGirr from \$20.00 to \$22.00 per hour and Kevin Degen from \$23.00 to \$24.00 per hour.

### REGULAR MEETING RECESS:

The regular meeting was recessed, and the Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

### BUDGET HEARING:

Supervisor Lobert presented the 2025-2026 budget to the board members and township residents to review for comments and corrections. Lobert discussed the new flagpole, and solar light needed for the cemetery with Ann Gonsler and Harry Krentz. Lobert suggested that Ann go to Ossineke Building Supply for supplies needed to replace and/or repair the flower beds at the cemetery and they will invoice the township. Mary Jenuwine asked about the cemetery grave openings line item. Harry informed us that the funeral homes are paying the grave diggers directly and not going through the township. Township will remove that line item on next year's budget. Fairbanks asked if the Building and Grounds line has the new floor coverings for the hall included. Lobert suggested we raise 101-265-930 Building and Grounds to \$40,000.00. Mary Jenuwine asked if the Fire Protection and Equipment Fund – Hubbard Lake Fire Equipment line item should have funds in it. Lobert explained that due to the previous years expenses that the township brought it to zero for this fiscal year. With no further questions or comments the Budget hearing was adjourned, and the regular meeting was reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

### BUDGET:

Schultz moved, Fairbanks supported, **CARRIED**, to accept the next fiscal year budget, April 1, 2025, thru March 31, 2026, as corrected by the Supervisor. 2025-2026 Budget **ADOPTED**.

### WEBSITE:

Dorie moved, Schultz supported, **CARRIED**, to hire STG (Shumaker Technology Group) to create a new Ossineke Township website. Board agreed on the Silver package \$999.00 one time cost for set up and an annual hosting and maintenance fee of \$600.00 per year.

### HALL:

Schultz moved, Dorie supported, **CARRIED**, to order the new floor covering and trim from Stanson Floor Covering and Furniture in Alpena. Lobert will place the order and work with the hall manager to schedule the demo and maintenance.

**ZONING:**

1 permit issued

**PLANNING:**

Master Plan meeting will be held at Alpena Township March 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Kevin Grulke and Vic Patzer will be attending.

**RECYCLING:**

Randy gave us an update on the recycling meeting he attended. Recycling bins at Northern Lights Arena have not been moved at this time.

**INSURANCE ESCROW**

Fairbanks moved, Dorie supported, **CARRIED**, to release the funds held in escrow at Nicolet Bank back to Edwin Roberson for home improvements due to the home fire. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Lobert, Schultz, Leschinger, Fairbanks and Dorie. **NAYES:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

**RESIGNATION:**

Harry Krentz, Cemetery Sexton turned in a letter of resignation as Sexton to the township board along with Iris Krentz's resignation for the lawn care of Hubbard Lake cemetery. Leschinger moved, Dorie supported, **CARRIED**, to accept Harry and Iris's resignation as of 3/31/2025. Dorie moved, Fairbanks supported, **CARRIED**, to hire Ann Gonsler as the new Cemetery Sexton and sign a lawn care contract at Hubbard Lake cemetery as of 4/1/2025.

**ROAD CONTRACT:**

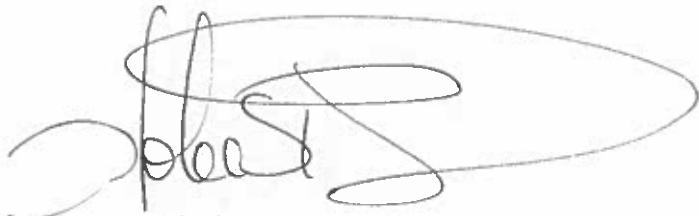
Supervisor Lobert presented a road contract from the Alpena County Road Commission, for 2025 Dust Control Program, in the amount of \$22,500.00. Motion made by Dorie, supported by Schultz, **CARRIED**, to sign the contract with the Alpena County Road Commission.

**BILLS:**

Schultz moved, Fairbanks supported, **CARRIED**, to pay all bills presented 12670-12686.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Leschinger moved, Fairbanks supported, **CARRIED**, to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo'Lee S Dorie', is written over a large, faint oval shape.

Jo'Lee S Dorie  
Township Clerk