

OGEMAW HERALD

Churchill Township Monthly Minutes.

December 4, 2023 Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Kavalunas, Quigley, Miller, Lauria, K. Schnautz, Babcock-Absent. J. Thompson, R. Lemire, C. Miller,

Rep. Mike Hoadley, Commissioner David.

Board approved the Township Minutes and the Treasurer's report.

Claudia Miller, Township Auditor reviewed the Township audit with all in attendance.

Rep. Mike Hoadley spoke to the Board on the three big areas in government-Right to Work- prevailing wages, the new Elections laws & Green Energy- solar & wind. With discussion on these topics along with mining/gravel pits. He also informed us that they are looking at making the old Standish prison a Youth Mental Health facility.

Commissioner David told the Board the County will be running a millage renewal for the 24 Hr. Road patrol on the February Election, along with Coor-school doing a millage request. She stated that they laid off eight County employees from the sheriff office & corrections. Questioned was why lay off if you are now paying overtime to high waged employees. She stated the biggest County expense is the jail. They are having a jail analysis done.

Also questioned was if the County is unable to make their budget- why did the Commissioner approve a 2% wage increase to the Elected Officials. She stated that she did vote –NO to that.

Unfinished Business:

Clerk contacted the Road Commission-Pat Reinke on the Quigley Road paving project that the Board is not happy with. She was told that they had an M-Dot inspector come out and look at the project & the road was passed.

The asphalt company will not have to come back since the project was passed by M-Dot.

A motion to pay the Quigley Paving ARPA project. Motion Carried

Clerk & Treasurer walked the Township hall painting project with Nate from BST Exteriors. A list was made to complete in the spring and then final payment will be made.

New Business: None

Public Comment: Jim Thompson questioned the burnt house on State Road. The board informed him that the County approved the project of demolishing the house using the State Land Bank funding.

Reports: Clerk suggested using Cody-Twp. Computer tech to update the Website with an Election & Board of Review icon and a new picture of the Twp. Hall & pavilion.

A motion to have Cody update the website was made. Motion Carried.

Treasurer told the Board we need to have our final ARPA projects with the funding ending in the spring.

Treasurer would like our insurance agent- Paul Olsen to attend the next board meeting- on Cyber security.

Clerk will contact him.

Trustee Quigley reported on a new business opening in town giving new jobs to residents. She also questioned if residents needed cards to use the Recycling center- Clerk will check on this. She stated a Stop Work Order was placed on the gravel pit on Quigley road- it still continued so the County is issuing a violation this week

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A motion was made Lauria and seconded by Miller to pay the bills. ***Motion Carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Lynn Kavalunas -- Churchill Twp. Clerk

**** *Unapproved Twp. Board meeting minutes.***