

January 16th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., the Board of Supervisors of Orwell Township met at the Orwell Township building for their regular monthly meeting with all members present.

The floor was open for public comment at 7:02 p.m. with Chris Jones, our township solicitor present. Following some clarifications that Mr. Jones discussed with the board, Jeff Robbins made a motion to sign **Resolution 2025-2** regarding the Broadband Ready Communities Program Application. Chad Cooley seconded this motion, John Strope made it unanimous, and the motion passed. Mr. Jones then presented the current firework regulations for the state of Pennsylvania. These regulations will be forwarded onto to Christine Rust and Rebecca Harkness to assist them with their firework concerns and bring to their attention, they need to contact the state police regarding any further problems with fireworks. John Strope inquired about numerous telecommunication lines that are drooping very low to the ground and causing problems for the road crew. Mr. Jones will be drafting up a letter to be sent out enforcing maintenance of these lines. Public comment time was then closed at 7:35.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and the re-organizational meeting were read. Chad Cooley made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John Strope seconded the motion, Jeff Robbins made it unanimous, and the minutes were approved as written. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. John Strope made a motion to accept it as written, Jeff Robbins seconded it, and Chad Cooley made it unanimous. The treasurer's report was approved as written.

Road Report:

Plow, cinder and pushed drifts back throughout the month

Filled pot holes and trimmed trees

Changed out road names, stop signs, and yield signs.

Re-did the chains and flipped plow blades

Replaced cushion valve on the falls plow

Took the plow frame off the 19' and to Watson Diesel

Ordered a new plow frame from Powells

Purchased brakes and drums for the 19' and a new air tank for the 07' along with manifold gaskets

All bills on hand were paid.

The 2024 Gas and Diesel Fuel Log sheets were reviewed.

The board checked over the required cdl paperwork and driving records for the road crew.

Jeff Robbins made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 to H.O.P.S. ambulance association. Chad Cooley seconded that motion, John Strope made it unanimous, and the motion passed.

Chad Cooley made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the North Orwell Hall of Trustees. Jeff Robbins seconded the motion, John Strope made it unanimous, and the motion passed.

The board agreed to move forward with scheduling a township cleanup this Spring, ideally for the beginning of April.

In preparing for a new tax collector for 2026, the board asked Mia to look into the availability of a tax collector's training.

Meeting adjourned, 8:45 p.m.

Mia M. Beebe, Secretary/Treasurer

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