

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
265 West David Hwy  
Berlin-Orange Fire Station  
February 11, 2025

1. Call to order  
Present: Tom Green, Jeff Cody, Chris Fox, Karla Wittenbach, Wendy McBride
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Comment:
5. Correspondence: Discussion regarding taxpayers being disrespectful to board members
6. Minutes:
7. Treasurer's Report:
8. Monthly Bills: Wittenbach moved to consolidate with support from Cody, carried.
9. Reports-
  - a. Zoning-Fitzpatrick – Received a FOIA request for solar energy permits Jan. 1, 2025 to current. NuVu wants to add another sign – the request did not meet ordinance rules. Fitzpatrick went to a property that had a public complaint of suspicious activity happening. It ended in a discovery of a very large marijuana grow. Police were involved, health department issued many violations, building has been condemned.
  - b. Fire-Green - There were 41 calls, 12 in Orange Twp.  
Discussion of new fire truck – cost is \$800,000 plus \$25,00 for equipment. Split cost with Berlin Twp. Orange part would be approximately \$400,000 – need to propose millage to pay for this.
  - c. Assessor-
10. New Business-budget workshop 3/11 at 6 pm. Public Hearing April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
  - Green and Cody met with road department regarding brine and gravel. Green made motion to approve the gradeall request – Whittenbach 1<sup>st</sup>, Cody 2<sup>nd</sup> – carried. Green made motion for brine 3 times proposal, Fox 1<sup>st</sup>, Whittenbach 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.
  - Discussion regarding Edward Jones retirement account. What are the parameters and requirements of this account. Can we change it? Further investigation needed.
  - Proposal from Mercantile Bank to process the township payroll, taxes, and W2's/1099's. Motion for approval made by McBride, Green 1<sup>st</sup>, Cody 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.
11. Old Business- ARA money will go towards engineering on Reeder Rd. bridge.
12. Public Comment-
13. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Fox with support from Cody, carried. 7:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted By

Wendy McBride  
Orange Township Clerk