

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
265 West David Hwy
Berlin-Orange Fire Station
May 13, 2025

1. Call to order – 7:32
Present: Green, Fox, Cody, Wittenbach, McBride, Fitzpatrick
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda – Fox motion to approve, Cody second, carried
4. Public Comment:
 - Mindy Tolan – City of Portland – Neil Brown, cemetery and parks/rec dept. Our residents participate in their programs 72 from Orange twp. – Brought handouts to give out to our residents. Preschool – 3rd grade and adult programming – website available for information and registration. City of Portland works in partnership with surrounding townships. The City has supplemented the rec department and they are looking for help from the surrounding townships whose residents use their services.
 - Gordon Walkington - Commend the Board Members for the job we are doing. Letts cemetery on Peck Lake Rd. First cemetery in 1803 – civil war solders buried there – He has a working agreement with Berlin twp. The sandstone grave markers are going to be replaced with granite ones. He has replaced a total of 52 in Letts at his own expense and Berlin Township is paying for the footings. There is a group who have worked on a list of those who are buried there. He also looked into the Matthews cemetery. He would like to work out the same deal with us. He will purchase the markers if we can pay for the footings for the stones. He would like to purchase one large stone for those names who do not have stones. He would like Orange to pay for the footing and one third of the stone.
 - Motion made by Green, second Cody - carried
5. Correspondence and current information:
6. Minutes:
7. Treasurer’s Report: In March the CD came up for renewal – Kala went into talk to the bank and was told that it was rolled into a new CD, but it was not, it was put into our savings. We will get a better interest rate if we put it back into a CD vs. savings account. She will call Mercantile to check their rate. If it is a better rate, we will move it from PFCU to the bank. If not, we will leave it with PFCU. Motion from Fox to check rates and decide where our best rate will be and move the money if needed. 2nd Cody – carried.
8. Monthly Bills: Approve treasures report, bills and minutes. Motion by Green, 2nd, Fox – Carried.

9. Reports-
 - a. Zoning- Sign at NuVu – the airport has given him approval for a tall tower. They will have to go to the zoning board of appeals to get approval for it.
 - b. Fire-Green - 42 runs total– 14 in Orange. A lot of structure fires. Bills were \$4176.97 and \$ 1795.00 to start the cost recovery. The new fire truck has been ordered.
 - c. Assessor- Yearly Contract is due to sign for another year. We have a few more parcels this year. Motion to renew Jason’s Contract – Fox, 2nd Cody – carried
 - PA660 audit is coming. He is getting things ready for the audit. McBride will help.
 - Starting field-work for the summer.
10. New Business- We want to increase the special assessment fee from \$15 to \$25 to cover the increasing ambulance costs for the township. Motion made by Fox to increase the special assessment fee to \$25, second by Cody, carried.

The board needs to start working on a mileage proposal to increase the Millage 2 more mills to keep up with the increasing costs and needs of the fire department. Need to contact the attorney and get things ready for the Nov. 2026 election.
11. Old Business- Website – New vendor – Motion made by Karla to go with the new vendor for the website, 2nd Cody, carried.
12. Public Comment-
13. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn from Cody, 2nd Fox ; carried – adjourned 8:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted By

Wendy McBride
Orange Township Clerk