

**Ortonville Community Historical Society**  
**Minutes from Board Meeting July 29, 2025 – 6:00pm**  
**Old Mill – 366 South Street, Ortonville, MI 48462**

*“The Ortonville Community Historical Society shall work with local government, businesses, organizations and citizens of all ages to research, collect and safeguard our local heritage through living displays and authentic educational experiences.”*

1. Call to Order at 6 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call - Alan A, Carol E, Mary K, Mary Alice S, Kathy T, Scott B, Ken B, Kathy G
4. Approval of Agenda with the following additions: America250 grants as part “e” of New Business and Bus Tour under Event Report – motion by Kathy T to approve with additions – second Mary K - approved
5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting – motion to approve by Kathy T and second by Mary K - approved
6. Executive Officer Reports
  - a. President - Alan reported that he had a recent conversation with Dave Decker, Vice President of the Oakland History Center and an expert on Oakland County mills. Decker will come and tour our mill. Alan also has been in communication with SAR Jeremiah Clark Chapter President of Clarkston (Dr. Howell) and he will be meeting again with him to get America250 ideas.
  - b. Vice President - Shauna – in Lansing tonight
  - c. Secretary - Carol - nothing
  - d. Treasurer - Scott - nothing
7. Trustee Reports Kathy G. – working on displays with Mary K  
Kathy T. no report  
Ken no report  
LuAnn - absent  
Mary – no report  
Mary Alice -no report
8. Operating Officer Reports
  - a. Office Manager Mary – no report
  - b. Security Administration Scott - no report

## 9. Committee Reports

- a. Election Kathy T – need to find at least one trustee and VP – Mari Ann V as a possibility -

## 10. Event Reports *(Limited to any Board actions; full reports given at General meetings)*

- a. SeptemberFest (Sept 13) Alan reported that he had a commitment from Beuches to support the pie eating contest. We will sell \$50 dollar entrance fees to businesses for the contest.
- b. Art at the Mill (Sept 27) Alan reported that there are already up to 30 vendors signed up. He said it is important to note that the campus will be packed but OCHS really doesn't have much responsibility besides having the Old Mill Museum open.
- c. Witches' Night (Oct 11) Mary reported that a meeting in August will be held.
- d. Halloween (Oct 31) Scott - nothing yet
- e. Christmas in Village (Dec 5,6) Alan went to the first planning meeting and reported that the parade route is confirmed and it will come in front of the mill. The parade will be on Friday night so it will be in the dark this year. He mentioned that Fay B from the Senior Center might bring her Senior Center folks to sell food on our property. He also reported that Brandon Township is exploring having OCHS as the Santa place for more than just the day.
- f. Bus Tour – The tour, sponsored by Oakland County Parks and the Oakland History Center will be on Oct. 15 and Oct. 18. Participants will be arriving at the Old Mill at approximately 2:45 that day and will be staying until about 3:45. Registration for the event is open until October 8, 2025.

## 11. Project Reports *(Limited to any Board actions; full reports given at General meetings)*

- a. Architecture design w/ Oakland County - Alan reported that the needed measurements have been finished.
- b. Furnace Replacement Alan reported that a 50% down payment has been made by village

## 12. Unfinished Business

- a. Accordion - Alan reported that he has been able to get the accordion in the OCHS collections evaluated and it was estimated to be worth \$300. The person that did the evaluation is willing to buy it. However, as Alan reported,

two people had previously asked to buy it. The Board decided to offer it to the two local people first based on the order people they requested it. Alan reminded Board members that it has no real historic value as far as OCHS is concerned.

### 13. New Business

- a. Proposed Signs - Alan sent out examples to the Board. The price is about \$900 and OCHS should be able to get a DDA grant for \$250 of that cost. Alan made the following proposal to the Board: Authorize me to purchase the signs. Scott B made a motion to purchase the signs with a cap of \$1000 – second by Mary K second – approved by roll call vote
- b. Printer – Alan reported that he had recently purchased print cartridges for the printer for \$150. He explained that the printer is good for color but not very efficient for black and white. Therefore, he is suggesting that we buy a black and white laser printer for an additional printer. Alan has priced and evaluated printers. Kathy T. made a motion to spend up to \$300 for a printer - second by Scott B – roll call and approved . Alan will research printers.
- c. Hadley Museum Tour - Alan reached out to the Hadley Museum and talked to Kent Chapman there. Alan asked about a private tour for OCHS. Board members were in agreement that a tour would be a good idea.
- d Stepping Stone Day Care - Alan reported that this day care group has moved into a building on South Street. He would like to offer our campus as a place for the children to play now and then. Alan will welcome the group to our area.
- e. America250 – Carol E reported that the second round of grant proposals will open on Nov. 1 and run through January 1. She gave a short overview of a grant Oakland Township received for Round 1 which was for a lighted flag pole in historic Bigler Cemetery. Mary Alice shared about a grant she had written in the past for OCHS>

14. Roundtable - Mary Alice remarked on the need for more period clothing. Alan suggested we consider t-shirts or some other logo-based item for OCHS members when they help out at events . Mary K recommended that there be a list of OCHS member phone numbers in case someone wants to find someone. Alan reported that in one week one week he will be the musician for the Library Purple Heart ceremony and invited Board members to attend the event.

15. Adjourn - motion by Alan and second by Mary Alice - approved