

Ovid Township
Ovid Township Hall
(Branch County, Michigan)
October 14th, 2019
Public Hearing

1. Greg Gemmill called the public hearing to order at 7:00PM
2. Members present – all board members
3. Attendees – 11 attendees
4. Pledge to the Flag – board members lead guests in the pledge to the Flag.
5. Approval of agenda – Larry Omo made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, supported by Jim Snivley, MOTION CARRIED.
6. New Business
 - A. TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT & ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE (SEAL-COATING) OF BUCKEYE LANE, A PRIVATE ROADWAY.
 - i. Five-year road improvement for sealcoating and mobilization. \$7617.60 plus township costs, \$803.00, for a total estimated cost of \$8420.60, divided by 20 parcels equals 421.03, divided by five years equals \$84.21.
9. Adjourn – Larry Omo made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, supported by Jim Snivley. Public hearing adjourned at 7:03. MOTION CARRIED.

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Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Greg Gemmill called the meeting to order immediately following the close of the public hearing.

Members present: Greg Gemmill, Supervisor; Jim Snivley, Trustee; Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer; Robbi Omo, Clerk; Larry Omo, Trustee

Members absent: None

Others present: 15 attendees

Approval of the agenda – Greg Gemmill added to the agenda: under old business – “C” Current Junk Violations. Larry Omo made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the minutes from the September 9th 2019 public hearing. Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of minutes from the September 9th 2019 regular board meeting. Robbi Omo stated that she misspelled a guest’s name, and will correct. Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections to the name, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer’s Report – Shelly AcMoody stated that we do have a CD expiring on October 24th. Shelly asked stated that another bank had a better rate than our current CD holder, but has requested that the board give her the discretion to discuss getting a matching rate from our current CD holder. Robbi Omo supported. Larry Omo asked additional questions regarding the CD investments, MOTION CARRIED. Greg Gemmill made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as submitted, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

SHERIFF – JOHN POLLACK – No Report

ASSESSING – MELISSA LANE – Special assessments are submitted. Melissa received a letter regarding information for new requirement. When someone splits a piece of property, they must get a certified tax letter. She suggested that the township require that the certified tax letter be provided to the zoning admin when requesting a split. She attended the GSI meeting – Ovid is one of the townships not enrolled in the program.

CEMETERY SEXTON – LUCAS CRONKHITE – Robbi Omo delivered the report from the cemetery sexton. Larry Omo stated that he would like Lucas to attend at least every other meeting in case they have questions for him. Robbi stated that she would pass that information along.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DON VRABLIC – Presented the County Commissioner’s report

DPW – PAUL WIMBIGLER – No report

ZONING – RUSS JENNINGS – Russ Jennings presented the zoning administrator’s report. Russ also stated that he intends to resign with the hopes of being able to do so by the end of the year. The board agreed to advertise the position.

LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT – JOE JEPSON – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

There was no public comment

1. OLD BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSS SURVEYING THE TOWNSHIP HALL PROPERTY – Greg Gemmill stated that he would like to get a surveyor for the township to determine the property lines and possibly rope of the area during elections. Larry Omo made a motion to contact a surveyor and mark the property lines, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED
- B. JUNK VIOLATION – ROLLIN MILLER SR. ETAL - 408 MARINA DRIVE – Greg Gemmill stated that the property is in conformance at this time, complaint is closed.
- C. CURRENT JUNK VIOLATIONS
 - a. Chad Notestine – 403 S. Centennial Rd – Greg Gemmill has stated that he discussed the issues with the resident and informed him what needs to be done to bring the property into compliance. He further informed him that another letter will be sent.
 - b. Better Lynd c/o Don Lynd – 333 S. Centennial Rd – Greg Gemmill stated that it is an abandoned dwelling and accessory buildings that require heavy repair or demolition. Greg referred them to the building department and the Lakeland Fire Department.
 - c. Great Lakes Houses LLC – 281 Quimby Road. Greg Gemmill described the property with an abandoned house partially boarded up, piles of debris. Appears the house was gutted and items were left outside. The owner, Randy O’Dell, who was in attendance at the meeting stated that he is working on restoring the home. Greg Gemmill asked when he intends to have the property in compliance. He stated that he would have the debris gone in a couple of years – board members, Larry Omo and Greg Gemmill stated that he needs to have the debris cleaned up within 30 days, and the building secured for safety. Larry Omo requested that he report back next month to the regular board meeting with progress of the property.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. INTRODUCTION OF DIANA LUTZ & JORDAN BEEHLER FROM THE BRANCH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT. They were not in attendance at the meeting.
- B. RESOLUTION 2019-10-14A – TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT & ASSESSMENT. ROLL TO SEAL-COAT BUCKEYE LANE, A PRIVATE ROADWAY. Resolution was presented by Greg Gemmill, supported by Jim Snivley.
 - a. By roll call vote; Larry Omo, Yes; Shelly AcMoody, Yes; Jim Snivley, Yes; Greg Gemmill, Yes; Robbi Omo, Yes. There were no “Nays”. RESOLUTION PASSED.
- C. RESOLUTIONN 2019-10-14B – PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS. Greg Gemmill presented the resolution, supported by Jim Snivley
 - a. By roll call vote; Robbi Omo, Yes; Larry Omo, Yes; Shelly AcMoody, Yes; Greg Gemmill, Yes; Jim Snivley, Yes. There were no “Nays”. RESOLUTION PASSED.
- D. REPORT ON CHANGING WASTE COMPANIES (WASHLER INC. – GARRET, IN). – Greg Gemmill did some research regarding the waste management currently used by the township and discovered that the service provided by would be more economical, providing the same quality of service. Robbi Omo stated that she would look at where we are in our current contract with Nissley, and proceed from there.
- E. DISCUSS POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR WRITTEN COMPLAINTS – Greg Gemmill read a draft policy for the process of making a public complaint for ordinance violation. Larry Omo made a motion to accept the policy as written, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED.
- F. DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO “Junk Ordinance #23”. – Larry Omo made a motion to accept the amended ordinance as submitted by Greg Gemmill, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.
- G. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION TO RE-ZONE 485 PEARL ROAD TO WATERFRONT RESIDENTIAL FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL – Greg Gemmill read a statement, (included in the meeting packet) regarding the recommendation from the planning commission. The commission recommended that the property not be rezoned, however, as explained in the statement read by Greg Gemmill, it would be in the best interest of the residents and the township to rezone the properties. Following discussion with guests and board members, and confirmation from the township assessor that the rezoning would have no bearing on property owner taxes, Greg Gemmill made a motion to rezone the property as water residential, Shelly AcMoody supported. MOTION CARRIED. The board also requested that the Planning commission work to rename the zoning of township properties to provide more clarity for property owner. Russ will check on the ordinance to determine what need to be done in regard to posting the approved motion.
- H. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO WOODLEY SOLAR FOR 25 ACRE SOLAR FARM AT PEARL ROAD & ANGOLA ROAD. Greg Gemmill stated that Woodley Solar would be tabled until permits are submitted, and board will revisit at next month’s meetings.

- I. WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER – Board members discussed the winter newsletter, including numbers to print.
- J. REMOVE PA 116 FROM PROPERTY (ANGOLA ROAD) – removing house and buildings from PA 116 for Omo Farms. Greg Gemmill presented resolution, supported by Jim Snivley.
 - a. By roll call vote; Greg Gemmill, Yes; Shelly AcMoody, Yes; Jim Snivley, Yes; Robbi Omo, Yes; Larry Omo, Yes. There were no “Nays”. RESOLUTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

There was no public comment

CORRESPONDENCE – The Clerk presented two correspondence; the Supervisor presented two as well.

ADJOURN Robbi Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Larry Omo. Meeting adjourned at 9:42PM

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Clerk.