

Ovid Township
Ovid Township Hall
(Branch County, Michigan)
January 13th, 2020 – 7:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Greg Gemmill called meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the attendees in the pledge to the flag.

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

Member absent: None

Others present: 7 attendees

Approval of agenda – Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of; D. Marshall Community Credit Union resolution, and E. Deputy Clerk/ Clerk replacement under new business and C. BCRC discussion under old business made by Larry Omo, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from December 9, 2019 regular board meeting - Motion to approve as submitted by Larry Omo, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from December 19, 2019 budget workshop - Motion to approve as submitted by Larry Omo, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from January 8, 2020 regular board meeting - Motion to approve as submitted by Jim Snivley, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report – Robbi Omo submitted two additional invoices from Business Impressions - \$30.96, for the monthly usage on the Xerox machine and McKenna for zoning map updates - \$124.00. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report with addition by Greg Gemmill, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SOLAR PROJECTS UPDATE – Greg Gemmill stated that he has not seen a signed interconnections letter. The Zoning Admin will look at the exact wording on the special use permit and report back to the Supervisor.
- b. JUNK VIOLATION REPORT – Greg Gemmill presented the junk violation report and expressed intentions to follow up on current reported issues. He specifically discussed property 105 S. Behnke Rd. Larry Omo made a motion to send a third letter holding off on issuing a citation after February’s board meeting and more information, Shelly AcMoody supported. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Ovid Township roads – Greg Gemmill shared information regarding Ovid Township roads following a discussion he had with Jay Miller and Brad Bell from the Branch County Road Commission.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Budget Amendments – The clerk presented the recommended budget amendments to balance the budget. Greg Gemmill made a motion to accept the budget amendments as presented by the Clerk, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED
- b. RESOLUTION 2020-1-13A - TO ESTABLISH 2020 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINE PER FEDERAL & MICHIGAN GUIDELINES. Greg Gemmill presented the resolution, supported by Larry Omo. Roll call vote as follows:
 - i. Aye’s – Jim Snivley, Larry Omo, Greg Gemmill, Shelly AcMoody, Robbi Omo
 - ii. Nay’s – None
 - iii. RESOLUTION CARRIED
- c. RESOLUTION 2020-1-13B – TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATE DATE FOR MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW. Greg Gemmill presented the resolution, supported by Jim Snivley. Roll Call vote as follows:
 - i. Aye’s – Shelly AcMoody, Larry Omo, Greg Gemmill, Robbi Omo, Jim Snivley
 - ii. Nay’s – None
 - iii. RESOLUTION CARRIED
- d. Resolution to add financial institution 2020-1-13C. Greg Gemmill presented the resolution, supported by Jim Snivley. Roll Call vote as follows:
 - i. Aye’s – Robbi Omo, Jim Snivley, Shelly AcMoody, Larry Omo, Greg Gemmill
 - ii. Nay’s – None
 - iii. RESOLUTION CARRIED
 - iv. Motion to move CD 20034129-330 to Marshall credit union on February 1st as soon as matured and possible made by Shelly AcMoody, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION
- e. Proposal for Deputy Clerk, Clerk replacement - Robbi Omo made a motion to appoint Amy Havasy as deputy clerk at a salary of \$300/month. The clerk would spend January through approximately June 1st training the appointee for roughly 4 hours/week on the clerk duties and working elections as a certified election inspector at the current rate of pay as other inspectors. Should the clerk and other board members feel that the appointee is a good fit for Ovid Township, she would be appointed clerk upon the resignation of the current Clerk, and agree to run for office during the 2020 election cycle. Larry Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

- A. Sheriff – Sheriff Pollack presented the Sheriff’s report
- B. Assessing – Melissa presented the Assessor’s report, BOR organizational meeting - March 3rd
- C. Cemetery Sexton – Lucas Cronkhite presented the Sexton’s report
- D. County Commissioner – The new county commission, Tom Matthew, introduced himself and presented the county commissioner’s report.
- E. DPW – No report
- F. Lakeland Fire Dept. – No report
- G. Zoning – Bob Hawley presented the zoning administrator’s report. A brief discussion was had by the supervisor and the zoning administrator regarding the solar companies working in the area.

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Max Benjamin stated that the contact for both solar companies is the same person.

Correspondence

Robbi Omo presented correspondence from the county clerk with notification of price increase for election programing and testing with a five-year commitment letter for the service from the current provider. Also, a commitment letter from the insurance company regarding recommendation for improvement – fire alarm. The

clerk asked the board's permission to plan to agree to comply by June 2020. The clerk also presented a pamphlet for planning and zoning workshops, and a letter from Charter Communications with channel discontinuation. The Clerk also presented a magazine to board members from the Michigan Municipal League.

Greg Gemmill presented four correspondences.

Motion to Adjourn by Robbi Omo, supported by Shelly. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Clerk