

Ovid Township
Ovid Township Hall
(Branch County, Michigan)
November 11th, 2019 – 7:00 pm
November 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.

Member absent: Robbi Omo, Clerk

Others present: 9 attendees

Approval of agenda – added C. under new business (quote from Branch County Road Commission for Tw. Hall lot) – Motion to approve with addition – Larry Omo, supported by – Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from October 14th public hearing – Motion to approve – Larry Omo, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from October 14th regular board meeting – Motion to approve with spelling correction – Shelly AcMoody, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report – Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Greg Gemmill, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

- A. Sheriff – no report
- B. Assessing – no report
- C. Cemetery Sexton – Shelly AcMoody read a short report from the sexton. No burials, leaves are removed from Lockwood Cemetery, and decorations will be removed after Veteran’s Day weather permitting.
- D. County Commissioner – no report
- E. DPW – no report
- F. Lakeland Fire Dept. – Joe Jepson presented the board with new three-year contract for fire protection. The contract includes a 10% increase as has been the case in the past. Joe reported new govt. rules regarding tire, boots, etc. as some of the reason for increase.
- G. Zoning – Russ Jennings gave zoning report

Public Comment (3-minute limit) – Steve Norton asked about township survey, but was informed it would be addressed later in the agenda.

It was noted that in Clerk, Robbi Omo’s absence during the election; her deputy, Samantha Pickering, did a fantastic job of running the election, and should be commended for her efforts. Great Job, Sam!!

Old Business

- A. Junk Violation Report

- a. Rollin Miller Sr. ETAL, 408 Marina Drive – Property in compliance.
- b. Chad Notestine, 403 S Centennial Rd. – Mr. Notestine, upon request presented the board with a comprehensive schedule for demolition of the buildings in December.
- c. Betty Lynd c/o Don Lynd, 333 S. Centennial Rd. – Mr. Lynd will provide the board with a comprehensive schedule to demolish accessory structures and has noted that his son wishes to rehabilitate the dwelling and live there. This will be included in the schedule to the board.
- d. Great Lakes Houses LLC, 281 Quimby Rd. – Mr. O’Dell has removed all offensive debris from the property and is currently working on restoring the house to re-sell. Motion to send a letter to get a schedule for restoration of the house made by Larry Omo, supported by Jim Snivley.
MOTION CARRIED
- e. Joshua & Christy Walker, 523 / 533 E. Fenn Rd. (2nd complaint from neighbor) – Mr. Walker had brought the property into compliance, but then brought more un-registered vehicles onto the property. After a phone conversation; he has removed all but two, and the weather has delayed their removal. We will check this, and report back in December.

- B. Solar Project Update – No permits received for the (2) solar projects, so it was tabled until the December meeting.
- C. Township Survey – New Survey was performed by Reed & Associates on October 17, 2019. All property stakes were marked, and t-posts have been installed to allow taping off the north & east areas for election parking. Steve Norton questioned the southwest property, as farming has been encroaching over the years. It was the board’s opinion that this could continue, as no damage had been done, and Mr. Norton added that they would be careful with future spraying so as not to damage the lawn.

New Business

- A. Diana Lutz & Jordan Beehler gave a short report on the Branch County Conservation District.
- B. Township board was informed of new rules regarding the issuance of citations, and a form for approval by the board for Supervisor / Greg Gemmill to issue citations for Junk violations was signed by board members. A complete explanation of the new process will be clarified at the December board meeting.
- C. Quote for crack sealing, and sealcoating of the Township Hall parking lot was presented. \$2681.00, not including striping or marking was proposed by the BCRC. Some discussion about expanding the lot to accommodate election crowds followed. This will be discussed at the budget workshops.

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Joe Jepson questioned whether the township was aware of talk about the Lakeland school property. Shelly AcMoody suggested the board schedule budget workshops at December board meeting.

Correspondence

Greg Gemmill presented (2) correspondence.

Motion to Adjourn by Larry Omo, supported by Jim Snivley. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Greg Gemmill, Supervisor