



Ovid Township Hall
Branch County, Michigan
November 9, 2020
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Greg Gemmill called meeting to order at 7 PM, and led the attendees in the pledge to the flag.

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

Members absent: None

Others present: John Pollack – Sheriff, Mat Drennan – ESA Solar, Rich Garay – MICLASS, Joe Haas – Haas and Caywood, 4 others.

Approval of agenda – Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions: New Business item E – Vacuum purchase and donation of file cabinets, New Business item G – Prepayment of Orkin yearly contract, supported by Greg Gemmill. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from the October 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting – Jim Snivley made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 12, 2020 regular board meeting, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from the November 4, 2020 Special Board Meeting – Larry Omo made a motion to accept the special meeting minutes, supported by Amy Havasy. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report – Amy Havasy made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, with an additional payment to Coldwater Media for \$480.58, and the prepayments to Liberty Propane and Orkin (see New Business item G). Supported by Greg Gemmill. MOTION CARRIED
Shelly AcMoody made a motion to also include an increase to the cash drawer, from \$200 to \$400. Supported by Greg Gemmill. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

None

Reports:

1. Sheriff – John Pollack presented the Sheriff’s report.
2. County Commissioner – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by Tom Matthew.
3. Assessing – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by Melissa Lane.
4. Cemetery Sexton – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by Lucas Cronkite.
5. DPW – No report submitted.
6. Lakeland Fire Dept. – No report submitted.
7. Zoning Administrator – Robert Hawley presented the Zoning report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. JUNK VIOLATION REPORT
None

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RICH GARAY – MICLASS PRESENTATION
Rich Garay gave a brief presentation regarding the benefits of investing with MICLASS. MICLASS is a local government investment pool that emphasizes safety, liquidity, convenience and competitive yield. Shelly AcMoody presented a rate of yield comparison between one of the Townships current investments and what the investment could have produced if invested with MICLASS.
1. RESOLUTION 2020-11-9A – RESOLUTION TO REPLACE RESOLUTION 2020-9-14A – NEW BANKING RESOLUTION
Shelly AcMoody submitted a resolution to add MICLASS as an investment option. Supported by Greg Gemmill. By roll call vote: Amy Havasy – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Larry Omo – yes, Greg Gemmill – yes. RESOLUTION PASSED
- B. ELECTION REPORT
Amy Havasy delivered the Election report for the 2020 Presidential Election and stated that Covid safety measures were still in place. The Canvass began on November 5th is currently ongoing. We had 11 election workers for the election. There were a total of 1525 ballots cast, 720 of those being absentee ballots.
- C. ESA SOLAR / OVID TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT APPROVAL
Joe Haas, Haas and Caywood, reviewed the conceptual term sheet regarding the letter of agreement with Ovid Township. He recommends that the Township move forward updating the Master Plan and related ordinances. The agreement with Coldwater River Solar LLC and ESA Solar LLC is specifically in place to say that the Township will work, in good faith, on the Master Plan and related township zoning ordinances. Greg Gemmill

made a motion to approve the agreement with Coldwater River Solar LLC and ESA Solar LLC, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

D. MCKENNA & ASSOCIATES BILLING AGREEMENT

Greg Gemmill made a motion to approve the agreement with McKenna & Associates. This agreement is for their assistance in developing Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance language in regards to solar energy development in the township. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

E. CARPET CLEANING QUOTES – FILE CABINET DOICATION – VACUUM REPLACEMENT

1. Shelly AcMoody presented quotes for cleaning the township hall carpets from 4 Star Carpet Cleaning - \$233, and Steamway - \$267. Shelly recommended the board use 4 Star Carpet Cleaning. The Board will revisit this in the Spring to have the work done.

2. Shelly AcMoody made a motion to donate the unused file cabinets to Habitat for Humanity. Supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

3. Greg Gemmill made a motion that the board approve the purchase of a new vacuum for the township hall, of \$200 or less. Supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

F. NEW BID FOR SNOW REMOVAL FOR 2020 – TRAYH HARVEY

Larry Omo made a motion to approve the contract with Spotless Lawn Care & Snow Removal for the Winter 2020-2021 season, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

G. DISCUSSION – LP PRE-BUY – LIBERTY PROPANE – ORKIN PEST CONTROL CONTRACT

1. Larry Omo made a motion that the board approve a new contract for propane in the amount of \$1,399, for 1000 gallons of propane. This contract guarantees a cap price of \$1.399 per gallon through March 2021. Supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

2. Larry Omo made a motion to approve a one (1) year contract with Orkin Pest Control, in the amount of \$691.20, for their monthly service. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

H. WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Greg Gemmill presented the Newsletter and the Winter Tax Collection information that will be printed on the Winter Tax Bills to the board for review.

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

None

Correspondence:

Greg Gemmill stated that he had 2 correspondence.

Amy Havasy stated that she had 4 correspondence.

Motion to Adjourn made by Larry Omo, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Havasy, Clerk