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Ovid Township
Ovid Township Hall
(Branch County, Michigan)
December 9th, 2019 – 7:00 pm
December 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 with addition of Lakeland Fire Department Contract 2020-2023 made by Larry Omo, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from November 11th regular board meeting – Motion to approve as submitted, Larry Omo, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report – Shelly submitted one additional invoice from Marana Group for the remaining balance of \$225.90 for newsletter mailing. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report with addition by Greg Gemmill, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

- A. Sheriff – No report
- B. Assessing – Melissa Lane presented the Assessor’s report, BOR on December 10th, 2019 at 1:00PM, received appraisal studies and explained the process for calculating. Discussed the Windows required update.
- C. Cemetery Sexton – Lucas Cronkhite presented the Sexton’s report. Lucas also stated that he would provide the Clerk with a back-up jump drive for the Pontem software.
- D. County Commissioner – No report
- E. DPW – No report
- F. Lakeland Fire Dept. – No report
- G. Zoning – Russ Jennings presented the zoning administrator’s report

Public Comment (3-minute limit) –

Old Business

- A. Solar projects update – Greg Gemmill updated the board regarding a conversation with the representative from Woodley Solar. He informed Woodley Solar that the township wouldn’t issue a permit until the board receives a signed interconnection agreement. Greg Gemmill made a motion that if they provide us with a signed agreement, with verified signatures, we will issue a permit. Board members discussed the motion. Robbi Omo confirmed that Greg will contact Consumer’s Energy to verify the signature, then supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Junk violation report

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- a. Chad Notestine – 403 S. Centennial Road
Township received letter from Mr. Notestine confirming that contents have been removed from dwelling, and utilities are scheduled to be disconnected by the end of November, with demolition to begin on 12/14/19.
- b. Betty Lynd c/o Don Lynd – 333 S. Centennial Road
After phone conversations with Mr. Lynd; he informed me that his son intends to make repairs to the dwelling, and possibly one accessory building on the property, while removing the second accessory building when Spring weather arrives. I sent a letter of thanks to Mr. Lynd for addressing the issue and starting some cleanup of the property. I did however ask him to make an effort over the Winter months if weather allowed, to try to clean up some of the brush, and downed trees on the property to show the township some progress in the cleanup.
- c. Randy O'Dell (Great Lakes Houses LLC) – 281 Quimby Road
Following Mr. O'Dell's appearance at the October meeting; he was given 30 days to clean up the yard at this address. Mr. O'Dell removed the large pile of debris, and metal that was on the property, and has kept the lawn cleanly mowed since then. Greg sent him a thank you letter for his cooperation but noted that we expected to see some progress towards the repairs of the dwelling as well, and that this would determine his future compliance with the ordinance.
- d. Joshua & Christie Walker – 523 / 533 E. Fenn Road
Greg received another phone call from the neighbor at 507 Fenn Road, complaining about un-plated junk vehicles at the above addresses. After confirmation, the third of three letters, along with a threat of turning over the violation to the District Court was mailed to the Walkers. Greg spelled out which vehicles he witnessed from the roadway, and requested they be moved from view, or the township be supplied with proof of registration of (7) vehicles that he witnessed. Mrs. Walker called me to explain that her husband was moving them, but his work hours, and the weather had been an issue. I drove by the property on 11/30/19, and all but one vehicle has been moved, and or be legally plated. I sent a thank you letter requesting the final vehicle be moved and acknowledged his cooperation with the township. I'll follow up in December, but believe the issue is closed.

New Business

- A. Nominate – Max Benjamin as replacement for ZBA alternate. Greg Gemmill welcomed Max Benjamin as the new Zoning Board of Appeals alternate, appointed by the Supervisor.
- B. Introduction of new zoning administrator – Robert Hawley was introduced as the new Zoning Administrator, replacing Russ Jennings upon his retirement from the Township at the end of this calendar year.
- C. 2020-2023 Lakeland Fire Department contract. Larry Omo made a motion to accept the new 3-year contract with Lakeland Fire Department, which requests a 10% increase, supported by Jim Snivley.
 - a. Upon roll call vote; Larry Omo – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Robbi Omo – yes, Greg Gemmill – yes. No “nays”. MOTION CARRIED
- D. Schedule 2020 budget workshops – Scheduled for November 19th at 5:30PM, Larry will bring pizza.
- E. Township road report – Greg Gemmill reviewed the township road report.

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Max Benjamin asked Melissa Lane who is in charge of naming roads because he is curious about the difference in naming of roads. Melissa stated that it is 911. Dean Wallrack was also referenced as a possible resource.

Correspondence

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Robbi Omo thanked the board for their patience as she recovered from recent surgery, then presented two Christmas cards. Greg Gemmill presented 5 correspondences, including a class for Board of Review offered by MTA. He stated that he and at least one BOR member will be attending and possibly a third. Robbi Omo made a motion to issue check to MTA for the early bird price once he confirms all attendees. Supported by Shelly AcMoody, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to Adjourn by Larry Omo, supported by Jim Snivley. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Clerk