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Ovid Township
Ovid Township Hall
(Branch County, Michigan)
February 10th, 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; Jim Snivley, Trustee; Robbi Omo, Clerk.

Member absent: Larry Omo, Trustee

Others present: 7 attendees

Approval of agenda – Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of C. Move March meeting due to Presidential Primary conflict made by Jim Snivley, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from January 13, 2020 regular board meeting – Shelly AcMoody requested verbiage be added to the banking resolution for Marshall Credit Union, “Shelly AcMoody was given board permission to move the CD to Marshall Credit Union” for ease when moving the CD. It was discussed during the subject, but not part of the actual resolution. Motion to approve with additional verbiage by Shelly AcMoody, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Junk violation report – Greg Gemmill presented the junk violation report to board members. He specifically discussed the violation at 105 S. Behnke Rd and stated that they have done a lot to clean up the property, and the violation should be closed. Greg Gemmill made a motion to close, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Solar projects discussion. Greg Gemmill discussed issues that have developed with the company involved in the solar projects, including new ownership. He stated that he has done some research state-wide into the solar energy companies and has some additional concerns as this area expands. One company that Greg met with will be attending and presenting at the March 3rd planning commission meeting, for those who are interested. Greg Gemmill made a motion to stop proceedings and void the special use permit due to change of ownership, and start over on the process, supported by Robbi Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Branch county road commission (speed limit changes, dust control proposal, & 2018 / 2019 annual report)

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- i. Max Benjamin shared a discussion he had with both the state police and the Branch County Road Commission regarding road speeds and parameters stating that all public roads are 55 MPH unless posted otherwise.
- ii. Greg Gemmill submitted a resolution for road oiling for the gravel roads, to include two applications, supported by Shelly AcMoody.
 1. By roll call vote: Ayes – Jim Snivley, Greg Gemmill, Shelly AcMoody, Robbi Omo, No – None
 2. RESOLUTION CARRIED
- b. Branch county central dispatch director – Christine Collom – Did not attend the meeting.
- c. Move the regular board meeting for the month of March, to accommodate the Presidential Primary. The Supervisor discussed moving the regular board meeting and the Public Hearing budget meeting due to scheduling conflicts with Board of Review and the Presidential Primary. Greg Gemmill made a motion to move the meeting to March 17th. He stated that the Public Hearing would be held at 6:30pm with the regular board meeting to immediately follow, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

- A. Sheriff – No report
- B. Assessing – Melissa presented the Assessor’s report, BOR organizational meeting - March 3rd
- C. Cemetery Sexton – No report
- D. County Commissioner – Tom Matthew presented the county commissioner’s report
- E. DPW – No report
- F. Lakeland Fire Dept. – Joe Jepson presented the Lakeland Fire Department report, including call breakdowns.
- G. Zoning Administrator – Robert Hawley presented the zoning report, 2 ZBAs on February 20, 2020. Greg Gemmill requested that Robert follow up with the solar company and let them know they need to reapply for their zoning permit.
- H. Branch County Prosecutor – Valarie White introduced herself and informed board members and guests that she was appointed as prosecutor in 2019 and is getting out into the public to meet people.

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Max Benjamin had a question for Joe Jepson regarding the fire department and how close homes are their relationship to a second story and the proximity to an active fire on a neighbor’s house. Joe Jepson responded that he’s not a fire fighter, but does believe that proximity does have an impact when it comes to fires.

Max also clarified his stance regarding speed limits, signs and enforcing the law.

Joe Jepson had a question regarding an intersection and getting it changed. Greg Gemmill suggested he go to the Brach County Road Commission first, Jay Miller. Second question regarding pumps on Grass Lake Rd for the drain system, are they paid for through Ovid Township? Greg Gemmill informed him that they are paid for through the County.

Greg Gemmill stated that Bob Hawley would like to change his hours from 8:00am to noon to 9:00am to 1:00am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Clerk will post it on the website.

Correspondence

Robbi Omo presented four DEQs: expansion and reconfiguration of the existing marina at 569 Lake Drive at the Coldwater Lake Campground, violation – second notice – order to restore wetland at 931 Wildwood, Quincy, MI,

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Edward Gillig for a turbidity curtain prior to in-water work at 15501 Iyopowa Island Rd, and Linda Bosker for a turbidity curtain prior to in-water work to remove and replace existing seawall at 15522 Iyopowa Island Rd.

Greg Gemmill presented four correspondences.

Motion to Adjourn by Robbi Omo, supported by Shelly. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Clerk