



Ovid Township Hall
Branch County, Michigan
August 10, 2020
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Greg Gemmill called meeting to order at 7 PM, and proceeded to take roll call attendance.

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Robert Hawley, Zoning Administrator; Ailie Weaver, Maner Costerisan; Becky Tomanek, Matt Drennan, ESA Solar Energy

Approval of agenda – Larry Omo made a motion to approve the agenda with additions: B – Ovid preparedness Response Plan, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes – Jim Snivley made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 13, 2020 regular board meeting, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. JUNK VIOLATION REPORT

- a. Demeritt & Matthew – 552 Warren Rd –Per Greg Gemmill, there was a preliminary hearing on 7/22/2020. A second subpoena was issued, and another court date has been set for 8/27/2020. This will be dismissed if property is brought into compliance.
- b. Gallup – 469 Pinecrest – Per Greg Gemmill, a survey is to be done on the road, waiting for that to be completed before taking further action. Will continue to monitor.
- c. Lynd – 333 S. Centennial Rd – Per Greg Gemmill, a zoning permit has been obtained and they are continuing to work on clean-up. Will continue to monitor.

- d. Russell & Cox – 105 S. Behnke Rd – Per Greg Gemmill, a citation was sent to the owners on 6/29/2020, a court date has been set for 8/19/2020.
 - e. Mills – 548 Sassafras Ln – Per Greg Gemmill, a citation letter has been sent. They are continuing to work on the property, and the property is now in compliance.
 - f. Pangalangan – 542 Warren Rd – Per Greg Gemmill, a letter was sent on 7/30/2020, sale of the property was set to close on 8/7/2020. If not already aware, the new owners need to be made aware of the property issues. Will continue to monitor.
- B. COVID-19 PLAN DISCUSSION**
Greg Gemmill made a motion to approve Ovid Townships Covid-19 Response Plan drafted by Shelly AcMoody. Supported by Amy Havasy.
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. MANER COSTERISAN - AILIE WEAVER
Ailie Weaver made a presentation of Fiscal Year 2020 Audit results for the Township.
- B. PRIMARY ELECTION REPORT – AMY HAVASY
Amy Havasy reported that for the August 2020 election, 345 AV's were processed out of the 458 mailed out (up from the original 219 permanent AV's – with roughly 90% of the increased requests switching to permanent absentee status). 761 ballots cast in total. The Canvassers report came back with no issues. Expecting a larger turnout for the November Presidential Election.
- C. RESOLUTION 2020-8-10A – RESOLUTION TO ADD REFERANDUM TO REPLACE MARIJUANA ORDINANCE ON NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT
Greg Gemmill submitted the Resolution, drafted by Jim Haas of Haas and Caywood, for an amendment of the Township Marijuana Ordinance. Proposal No. 1 will be on the November 3, 2020 ballot. If passed, this will replace a portion of the 2018 Supported by Amy Havasy. By roll call vote: Amy Havasy – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Greg Gemmill – yes, Larry Omo – yes, Jim Snivley – yes. **RESOLUTION PASSED**
- D. DISCUSSION OF SURVEY BEING CIRCULATED – MARIJUANA DISPENSARY
Greg Gemmill presented the survey that was mailed to Ovid Township residents by the Ovid Township Job Creation Foundation, which is not affiliated with Ovid Township.
- E. RESOLUTION 2020-8-10B – RESOLUTION TO ENACT A 1 (ONE) YEAR MORATORIUM FOR ALL NEW SOLAR PROJECTS
Greg Gemmill submitted a resolution for a 1 (one) year moratorium so that the Township Board and Planning Commission can review the Township master plan and zoning ordinances. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. By roll call vote: Jim Snivley –

yes, Larry Omo – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Greg Gemmill – yes.
RESOLUTION PASSED

F. DISPOSAL OR LEDGERS FROM FIRE

Greg Gemmill made a motion to revisit the issue of destroying or storing the old ledgers in September. Supported by Amy Havasy. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

1. Sheriff – No report submitted
2. Assessing – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by the Melissa Lane.
3. Cemetery Sexton –No report submitted
4. County Commissioner – Greg Gemmill read the County Commissioners report.
5. DPW – No report submitted
6. Lakeland Fire Dept. – No report submitted
7. Zoning Administrator – The Zoning administrator presented the Zoning report.

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Matt Drennan, project development manager from ESA Solar Energy came in to discuss the possible development of solar farms in Ovid Township.

Becky Tomanek asked if the Township could do anything in regards to a neighbor putting vehicles and other objects in the road right-of-way.

Correspondence:

Greg Gemmill stated that he had one correspondence.

Amy Havasy stated that she had 1 correspondence.

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

Meeting adjourned a 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Havasy, Clerk