

Ovid Township
Ovid Township Hall
(Branch County, Michigan)
September 9th, 2019
Public Hearing

1. Call public hearing to order at 7:00PM
2. Members present – all board members
3. Attendees - 7
4. Pledge to the Flag – board members leads guests in the pledge to the Flag.
5. Approval of agenda – Larry Omo made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, supported by Jim Snivley, MOTION CARRIED.
6. New Business
 - A. HEAR OPPOSITION TO ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE (SEAL-COATING) OF BUCKEYE LANE – A PRIVATE ROADWAY.
 - i. Greg Gemmill explained the purpose of the special assessment. Estimated total cost of assessment: \$8,420.60, or \$421.03 per parcel = \$84.21 per parcel each year over the course of five years.
 - ii. Public comment - none
9. Adjourn – Greg Gemmill made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, supported by Larry Omo. Public hearing adjourned at 7:03. MOTION CARRIED.

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Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Greg Gemmill called the meeting to order immediately following the close of the public hearing.

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

Members absent: None

Others present: There were 13 guests in attendance.

Approval of the agenda – Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the minutes from the August 12th 2019 public hearing. Larry Omo made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of minutes from the August 12th 2019 regular board meeting. Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – Robbi Omo informed the board there was an additional payment to ZetaOne in the amount of \$325.00 for configuring the new epollbook and Bitlocker flash drive. Additionally, Robbi asked the board to approve the new contract for propane in the amount \$1,409.00. Larry Omo made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with additional payments, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

SHERIFF – JOHN POLLACK – Sheriff Pollack presented the Sheriff's report.

ASSESSING – MELISSA LANE – Melissa stated that she would be attending a GIS meeting and will recommend that they contact the township and do a presentation for the board. She is also providing the township supervisor with Shady Oaks special assessment paperwork, that she received from a resident, to review for accuracy.

CEMETERY SEXTON – LUCAS CRONKHITE – Robbi Omo stated that Lucas will not be able to plow parking lot any more due to issues with the truck used to do the job, but he did contact someone who would be interested in doing the job. Robbi Omo will contact Lucas to get the contact information for the gentleman, who was interviewed by the township when the cemetery sexton position was available.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DON VRABLIC – Presented the commission's monthly report.

DPW – PAUL WIMBIGLER – No report

ZONING – RUSS JENNINGS – Gave the monthly zoning report. There are two public hearings scheduled for the Planning Commission on October 1st, and a ZBA hearing on October 3rd. The board asked Russ to follow up on a complaint regarding a BBQ restaurant on Lake Dr. A few residents stated that they believe the BBQ sign that hangs on her porch is decorative. Board members asked Russ to get clarification from the resident.

LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT – JOE JEPSON – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Max Benjamin asked a question regarding two houses south on Centennial Rd. He stated that he can barely see the houses due to over-growth with grass. Mr. Benjamin asked what prompts the board to take action on these types of properties. Greg Gemmill stated that the township must have a written complaint, signed by a resident, to initiate action.

Another resident, ~~Ronald~~ Rollin Miller Jr., asked how the board issues citations. Mr. Miller received a letter regarding his property being noncompliant to the junk ordinance. Greg Gemmill explained again that the board issues citations based on written complaints from the residents of the township. Mike Miller, brother of ~~Ronald~~ Rollin Miller Jr., also stated that the dump truck in ~~Ronald~~ Rollin Miller Jr's yard belongs to him. After discussion with the board, the residents (408 Marina Dr.) agreed to bring the property into compliance within 30 days.

Darryl Schwartzengraber inquired about getting a special assessment for Bussing Lane. Greg Gemmill stated that he would send him all of the information he would need to start the process, via email.

Lynn Watchman had a complaint at Lake Drive and Miller drive where weeds are overgrown and it's an issue for bicyclers and vehicles to safely see. He requested that the board contact the road commission regarding the overgrowth. Greg Gemmill stated that he would take a look at the issue.

Jim Mosses recently moved here on Lake Drive. He received a letter from an attorney that they are adding property to his existing property. He is concerned about the impact to his taxes and is not interested in the property because he doesn't want to have his property taxes assessed on lake property. Melissa Lane informed the board that the resident would need to discuss this with the attorney. After some discussion with the board, and additional requests for resolution by Mr. Mosses, the Supervisor reiterated that he would need to discuss with the attorney involved or seek legal council of his own.

1. OLD BUSINESS

- A. POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR ACCOUNT DEFICITS ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS – Robbi Omo presented and explained the written policy for handling and recording special assessment deficits. Robbi made a motion to accept the policy as presented, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. JUNK VIOLATIONS – see supervisors junk violation report for details.

- a. Jack & Carol Kipfer – 301 S, Centennial Road – Fire damaged home. Greg Gemmill informed the board that the property has been brought into compliance, so a letter of thanks was sent to the Kipfers, with a request to keep the weeds in check until either rebuilt or demolished.
- b. Joshua & Christy Walker – 523 / 533 E. Fenn Road – Multiple un-plated trucks, cars, and trailers. Greg Gemmill informed the board that Vehicles have all been removed or are stored out of sight from the roadway. Grass and weeds have been cut, and the property looks 100% better, and is now in compliance with our ordinance.
- c. Susan Hufnagle – 371 Smith Road – Multiple un-plated cars have been tarped for a number of years, and pickup truck, pontoon, and trailers partially hidden behind bushes. Also, a Travel Trailer set up in the back yard may be temporary. Greg Gemmill informed the board that all junk vehicles have been removed from the property, and an opaque fence has been erected towards the rear of the lot to shield view of the pontoon. The property is now in compliance with the ordinance.
- d. Rollin Miller Sr. ETAL – 408 Marina Drive – Old Dump Truck un-plated and been sitting for years. Multiple boats, and boat trailers un-plated and outdated registrations in the open. Discussed the property with Mr. Miller during public comment. All parties have agreed to take care of the issues within 30 days from today’s meeting, as discussed during public comment.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSS SURVEYING THE TOWNSHIP HALL PROPERTY – Greg Gemmill stated that if there was a legal survey for the property, he would like to find it. Larry recommended contacting Ed Reed to see if he has a survey. If not, Greg would like to have it surveyed. No board members had any objections to doing so. Russ Jennings stated that he would contact Ed Reed.
- B. RESOLUTION 2019-9-9A – RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SAD & ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR BUCKEYE LANE ROAD MAINTENANCE – Greg Gemmill made a motion to accept the resolution as submitted, supported by Shelly AcMoody. By roll call vote: Jim Snivley – yes, Larry Omo – yes, Robbi Omo – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Greg Gemmill – yes. RESOLUTION CARRIED.
- C. LAND SPLIT IN PLATTED SUBDIVISION – JIM & ROBERTA SNIVLEY – 675 LAKE DRIVE – Larry Omo made a motion to approve the land split, supported by Greg Gemmill. MOTION CARRIED.
- D. LOT SPLIT & COMBINATION OF MULTIPLE LOTS IN COLDWATER LAKE STORAGE CONDOMINIUMS – S. ANGOLA ROAD – Larry Omo made a motion to accept all three splits based on dimensions presented by the owner (detailed diagram in the meeting packet), Jim Snivley supported and added that the Planning Commission saw no issues with the splits either. MOTION CARRIED.

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Max Benjamin stated that he had his association meeting and they discussed trash recycling and passed along the name Washler, out of Angola. He informed board and attendees that the cost is less than Republic and that they do have a nice website. Jim Mosses stated that he uses the same service and speaks highly of the as well. Lynn Watchman also stated that their service is very good.

2. CORRESPONDENCE – Robbi Omo had one correspondence from Charter regarding channel changes. Greg Gemmill presented one correspondence from BP.
3. ADJOURN Jim Snivley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Larry Omo.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Clerk.