



Ovid Township Hall
Branch County, Michigan
September 14, 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: Joe Jepson, Lucas Cronkhite, Melissa Lane, Robert Hawley, Matt Drennan – ESA Solar, Becky Tomanek

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

Approval of minutes – James Snivley made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 10, 2020 regular board meeting, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report – Greg Gemmill made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, with an additional payment not included in the report to John Hancock for \$4,715.56. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Matt Drennan, from ESA Solar, mentioned that he has been in contact, and will continue to contact, land owners on the edges of the proposed solar project fields. He stated he would like to be able to submit paperwork for a permit in a couple months.

Becky Tomanek asked what could be done regarding a neighbor’s yard. She will speak to Robert Hawley regarding this.

Reports:

1. Sheriff – No report submitted.
2. County Commissioner – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by Tom Matthew.
3. Assessing – Melissa Lane presented the Assessors report.

4. Cemetery Sexton – Lucas Cronkhite presented the Sexton Report.
5. DPW – No report submitted.
6. Lakeland Fire Dept. – Joe Jepson presented the Lakeland Fire report.
7. Zoning Administrator – Robert Hawley presented the Zoning report.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JUNK VIOLATION REPORT

- a. Lynd – 333 S. Centennial Rd – Per Greg Gemmill, they are continuing to work on clean-up. Will continue to monitor.
- b. Russell & Cox – 105 S. Behnke Rd – Per Greg Gemmill, a citation was sent to the owners on 6/29/2020, there was a hearing on 8/19/2020. The Judge granted 30 days to clean up the remainder of the property. Will continue to monitor.
- c. Pangalangan – 542 Warren Rd – Per Greg Gemmill, the owner states that the property has sold. If not already aware, the new owners need to be made aware of the property issues. Will continue to monitor.

B. DISPOSAL OF LEDGERS FROM FIRE AND SHREDDING OF DOCUMENTS

Greg Gemmill stated that he will sort through the old documents, removing what needs to be destroyed.

C. RESOLUTION 2020-9-14A – NEW BANKING RESOLUTION

Shelly AcMoody submitted a resolution stating a name change: Chemical Bank to TCF Bank. Supported by Amy Havasy. By roll call vote: James Snivley – yes, Larry Omo – yes, Greg Gemmill – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Amy Havasy – yes.

RESOLUTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2020-9-14B TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2020-8-10B – RESOLUTION TO ENACT A 1 (ONE) YEAR MORATORIUM FOR ALL NEW SOLAR PROJECTS

Greg Gemmill made a motion to rescind the 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 Larry Omo. By roll call vote: Amy Havasy – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Greg Gemmill – yes, Larry Omo – yes, James Snivley – yes. RESOLUTION PASSED

B. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – SPECIAL LAND USE FOR 640 MILLER ROAD / STORAGE UNITS

Greg Gemmill made a motion to approve the request for a Special Use Permit from the Planning Commission 9/1/2020 meeting. Granting the address listed above to build approximately 155 public storage units. A variance for the fencing will also be granted. Supported by James Snivley. MOTION PASSED

- C. DISCUSSION – DOCKING STATION & MONITOR PURCHASE FOR CLERK
Amy Havasy made a motion that the Board approve the purchase of a monitor, docking station, keyboard and mouse, to be used in conjunction with the current Clerk laptop. Total cost of equipment should be approximately \$510 if purchased through Amazon, \$570 thru Dell, and \$1,286 through ZetaOne. Board approved the purchase through Amazon. Motion supported by James Snivley. MOTION CARRIED
- D. DISCUSSION ON COPIER REPLACEMENT
Amy Havasy and Shelly AcMoody are requesting Board approval for the leasing of a new color copier/scanner/printer, that is also able to accommodate 11x17 paper. New machine would provide the ability to print larger Township mailings in-house instead of paying to have them printed elsewhere. Greg Gemmill made a motion to acquire a 48-month copier lease through Current Office Solutions in Hillsdale, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED
- E. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – ROSE LAKE ASSOCIATION INVASIVE WEED PROGRAM
Greg Gemmill made a motion to approve an Application to Petition for a Special Assessment, submitted by the Rose Lake Association for aquatic weed control, spanning 2021 through 2025 (5 years), at a total estimated cost of \$160,000. Supported by Amy Havasy. MOTION CARRIED
- F. DISCUSSION ON RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PERMITS
Greg Gemmill presented a general discussion regarding residential solar permits. Township residents have questioned what is allowed per our ordinance. Greg suggested that the next newsletter contain information stating that any residential solar projects need to be addressed with Robert Hawley.

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Joe Jepson questioned whether or not any road repairs are planned to be done on Quimby Road (between Central & Warren, Miller & Copeland). Greg stated that as of right now, there were no plans.

Matt Drennan, ESA Solar, had questions regarding our Moratorium and Ordinance process in reference to solar farm development(s). Greg stated that the Master Plan for the Township is still being reviewed.

Greg Gemmill mentioned the fliers and Circulars that are being mailed out by the Ovid Job Creation Foundation. Greg made a motion that the Township place an ad in the Shoppers Guide as soon as possible, and again just before elections, informing voters that Township is not involved in the mailings, nor do the mailings represent the opinions of the Board. Supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

Greg Gemmill stated that he had 1 correspondence.

Amy Havasy stated that she had 2 correspondence.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Havasy, Clerk