

Township of Ovid
April 11, 2016
Coldwater, MI 49036

Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on April 11, 2016.

Members present: Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer; Robbi Omo, Clerk; Larry Omo, Trustee and Ron Sampsel, Trustee.

Members absent: Sue Miller, Supervisor

Three guests were present.

Larry Omo Called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Larry Omo led the attendees in the Pledge to the Flag.

Agenda: Ron Sampsel moved to approve the agenda, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes from Public Hearing on Township Budget and Regular Board Meeting Minutes (March 14, 2016): Sampsel noted an error on George Sexton (Cemetery Sexton) should read George Baker. Sampsel moved to approve minutes as corrected, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Report: Larry Omo placed the Treasure's Report on file. Robbi Omo stated following the regular audit held in July of 2015, a two-step process has been implemented beginning this new fiscal year. As recommended by the auditor, invoices are entered as a bill then a check is issued as opposed to simply writing the checks. This clarifies the accruals to the proper month of which it occurs. In addition, R. Omo issued a check requested late for \$40.00 that was not represented on her printed report provided to board members.

AcMoody stated the Pontam Software currently used for on line hosting is being phased out due to the implementation of a new system. The bill for

three months of service received isn't necessary. AcMoody Moved to pay one month (thru May) for the amount of \$82.17. Sampsel supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

A. Bellavista Golf Course Violation of PUD Discussion: Sampsel stated Chris Forrister continues to ask if anything is happening to enforce the PUD. Her concerns continue including the widening of the opening for pedestrian flow that is now accessible via golf carts. Sampsel continued that the the opening width is not stated in a dimension in the PUD and that no other local property owners have complained about the noncompliance. Robbi Omo said she felt no need for formal action at this time. Larry Omo asked how wide the opening is currently. Russ Jennings (Zoning Administrator) said the opening had been widened at some point, allowing for passage of golf carts. Robbi Omo asked for clarification regarding the PUD and wording of "foot traffic", which she stated does put him in violation if golf carts are being used. Larry Omo offered that if the opening was wider than needed for foot traffic, it was too wide to meet the PUD requirement. Sampsel stated the initial intent when the PUD was developed was to eliminate auto traffic through the opening. Jennings commented that the PUD states "foot traffic only" and the current owner of the golf course, Ron Carey, is the one who changed the opening. He continued that Carey could request a change to the PUD. He has failed to do so. Jennings proposed that he offer Carey an opportunity to open the PUD for changes, or else the matter would be turned over to the Ovid Township Attorney for further action. Jennings said the enforcement of the PUD does remain the responsibility of Carey, the third owner since the PUD was adopted. Larry Omo asked if the Ovid Township Attorney should be contacted for what the legal recourse would be to the owner. Sampsel said Carey asked at previous meetings why he pays taxes on property that can't be used like any other like owners. Sampsel asked Jennings to contact Carey and have him attend the next Ovid Planning Commission meeting and state his position on the matter.

New Business:

- A. Complaint at 573 S Angola Road, Group Home: Jennings said a Group Home was permitted at this address following review by the Ovid Township Planning Commission. Larry Omo stated his understanding under the approval was that the property be cleaned up while it was being occupied. He sees nothing done and, in addition, expressed concern about a recent “Meth Lab” bust that occurred on the property. Omo continued with the observation of continued occupancy and wondered why it wasn’t condemned. Jennings said they would have to obtain a police report to see if it was posted condemned. Greg Gemmill stated that the occupancy was originally permitted by the planning commission because the Township Attorney said it met the requirements of current zoning. Gemmill also was given the understanding the occupancy was to be temporary (about 6 months). Robbi Omo stated that the only approach she sees as enforceable by the township is the junk ordinance. County Commissioner Don Vrablic stated the occupancy could not be restricted because it was not a multi-family dwelling and there was only one lease holder named. Robbi Omo requested that a junk ordinance violation on the property be initiated. Deputy Steve McMannemy confirmed the property was investigated by the Michigan State Police due to a Meth Lab being operated at the address on February 19, 2016 and legal recourse on occupancy was in motion by the State Police.
- B. Junk Complaint at 557 S Angola Road: Jennings stated that the yard is full of junk and cars.
- C. Junk Complaint at 577 S Angola Road: Jennings stated the yard has a large amount of junk.

Sampsel Moved that violation letters be sent to all three properties (573, 557 & 577 S Angola Road) requesting owners to attend the next Board Meeting on May 9, 2016. Robbi Omo Supported.
MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Shelly AcMoody requested action from the Board regarding a Certificate of Deposit up for renewal at Honor Credit Union on April 22, 2016 in the amount \$125,000. Current offered rates from PNC, Southern Michigan Bank and Trust and Honor Credit Union were considered by the Board. Robbi Omo Moved to

move the funds into a new CD at Honor Credit Union for 10 months @ 0.9% interest. Shelly AcMoody Supported. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

- A.** Zoning: Administrator Jennings reported 4 Building Permits and 2 Violation Notices were issued in March. Report on file.
- B.** Assessing: None
- C.** DPW: None
- D.** County Commissioner: Don Vrablic offered his monthly report and highlighted topics including: Jail study to decide if a new jail proposal would be placed on the august ballot, Heightened security measures installed at the Court House and a Grant Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the expansion of Angel Cove Park.
- E.** Cemetery Sexton: None

Correspondence: Robbi Omo stated that Michigan Gas Utilities would be holding a public meeting on a Gas Recovery Fee in Lansing on April 21, 2016. Omo also reminded anyone running for office must have petitions by April 19, 2016.

Adjourn: Sampsel Moved to adjourn, AcMoody Supported. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Robbi Omo

Recorded by Bruce Knisely