

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
January 11, 2016

Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, January 11, 2016

Members present: Robbi Omo, Clerk, Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer, Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 5 guests.

Members absent: Sue Miller, Supervisor, Larry Omo, Trustee

The Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Ron Sampsel at 7:30 pm.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL: R. Omo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sampsel made a motion to approve the minutes from the Ovid Township Board meeting of December 14, 2015. Motion was supported by R. Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sampsel asked those in attendance if there were any questions or comments pertaining to the Treasurer's Report. There were none. Sampsel placed the report on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sheriff Jon Pollack announced that he is seeking a second term as Branch County Sheriff. Pollack reviewed recent road patrol statistics following a recent snowstorm. Pollack reminded everyone of the recent change in applications for gun licensing in Branch County. Pollack stated that recent deputization of village officers in Union City in Sherwood Township is going very well. Pollack stated that construction is nearly complete on the temporary Animal Control shelter, and added that the use of lethal gas will cease, and that all animals will now be euthanized via injection. Pollack stated he had recently met with several other counties to discuss road funding that will include the local Amish residents. Pollack said there is effort underway to draft statewide legislation that would allow local townships and villages to deal with the issue via ordinances.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reminder of Budget Workshop on Friday 15, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** Sampsel reminded everyone in attendance about the upcoming budget workshop. One thing to be considered is fees for inspections to determine if costs to applicants need to be adjusted in conjunction with zoning compliances.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ovid Township Planning Commission 2015 Annual Report:** Andy AcMoody shared highlights from the 2015 report.
- B. 2016 Branch County Road Commission Cost Share Policies.** Sampsel stated that the Road commission is going to allocate up to \$3,000 per mile for sealcoating.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

REPORTS:

A. Zoning- Russ Jennings presented the zoning report for the month of December, 2015.

B. Assessing – None

C. DPW – None

D. County Commissioner – Commissioner Don Vrablic presented the County Commissioner's report and discussed the following subjects: new board, Jail Study, animal shelter, CHC transition, grant of easement. Vrablic praised the professionalism he witnessed by local emergency workers during a recent incident in which a man drove his truck into a lake. Vrablic stated he is running for another term as Branch County Commissioner.

E. Cemetery Sexton – None

CORRESPONDENCE: R. Omo presented township correspondence received in the past month.

Kalamazoo Transport Authority – A public meeting for purpose of allowing local officials to speak about rural routes.

MTA training – Utilization of Strategic Planning

Hands On Rate Study Workshop at Lansing Community College in July

ADJOURNMENT: AcMoody, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by R. Omo. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk
Minutes Prepared by Charlotte Knisely