

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
April 9th, 2018
Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting
Ovid Township Hall

Greg Gemmill called the regular board meeting to order at 7:30PM. Board members led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of C – replacing a board member. S AcMoody supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of minutes from the March 12th, 2018 public budget hearing, motion made by Larry Omo to approve, supported by Ron Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of minutes from the March 12th, regular board meeting, motion made by Ron Sampsel to approve the minutes, supported by Larry Omo. MOTIONS CARRIED.

Treasurer's report – Robbi Omo has three additional checks; General Sanitation for \$400.00, Russ Jennings for approximately \$80, and Andy AcMoody for approximately \$65. Shelly AcMoody made a motion to accept report with additions and place the report on file, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Public comment

Shelly AcMoody – went over statement from Honor Credit Union. Explained different funds, maturity dates and fund balances.

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Inspection cards & vehicle magnets (zoning administrator) – Greg Gemmill reviewed the proposed inspection cards for the zoning administrator. Suggested having them for Planning Commission, zoning admin, supervisor. Ron Sampsel made a motion to try the cards for six months and see how it goes, and provide. He also recommended providing the zoning admin with a magnet for his vehicle that reads, "Ovid Township Zoning Administrator". Supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED
- b) BCRC update – Greg state that he, Larry, and Robbi met with the Road Commission to discuss the presentation delivered at the annual meeting, road projects, and possibly getting on a schedule with road oiling – similar to the chip and seal schedule.
- c) Ralph Beerman – 473 access drive – boat storage violation. Russ Jennings stated that he received a phone message from Beerman informing the township that he had removed all boats. Per Russ, he recommends that the case be closed. Greg made a motion to close, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED
- d) Rhonda Pebernat zoning violation – Joe Haas recommendation. Greg stated that he and Russ met with Joe Hass to discuss the issue. Joe felt going to court, would cost the township a lot of money and not reflect positively. Joe will be drafting a legal document that Pebernat needs to sign stating that she won't be taking money for the use of her equipment. If she does not agree to signing the document, then the township will

escalate the issue. As the electrical business stands right now, it's just considered personal property.

- e) Paradine Junk Violation – 306 S. Fillmore – update. Greg Gemmill stated that Paradine has cleaned up quite a bit, but still needs to provide proof of registration for the boat trailer. Still needs to remove roofing that's falling off. As of the meeting date, Greg has not received a response from Paradine. Court date set for 23rd of April if the Supervisor doesn't receive an update.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Branch county jail tour & proposal – Gemmill stated that the supervisor's meeting was held at the jail last month. He further stated that it was every bit as bad as he has heard. Greg was not impressed with presentation for the proposed jail. Greg said the proposed millage is unclear. Don Vrablic and Greg Gemmill discussed the proposed millage further.
- b) Items related to fire
- The clerk gave a brief report of progress:
 - i. Issue with original footings was resolved
 - ii. Stout's will be digging first of week and footings will go in right after
 - iii. Inspection for Tuesday or Wednesday
 - iv. Material for concrete has been delivered
 - v. Board needs to choose color for movable wall and its trim and clerk suggested going with a theme and requested that board give her permission to approve minor color schemes based on theme. This would prevent the need for special meetings at the cost of residents, just to pick colors. Board members discussed and agreed to stay with a gray theme throughout on minor items.
- c) Process for replacing board member
- Clerk explained the statutory steps for replacing a board member.
 - i. Must appoint replacement within 45 days of board member's vacancy of position.
 - ii. Must be a registered voter within 30 days of appointment
 - iii. Statute does not require the vacancy to be posted or interviews to be conducted, but does state that doing say may provide a more qualified pool of candidates.
 - iv. Appointment does not take effect until resigning member's stated date, but may take effect 30 days prior at the board's discretion, but no earlier. The current member is paid through their stated vacancy date, and the appointee is not paid until that date takes effect.
 - v. If the appointment is made prior to April 16th, 2018, vacancy must be posted (the board is not required to conduct interviews – interested parties must petition to be added to the ballot in August), and the subsequent appointee must appear on the ballot.
 - vi. After April 16th, 2018, the appointee serves out the term for the resigning/retiring board member.
 - vii. The resigning/retiring board member cannot participate in the vote to appoint their replacement.
 - Larry Omo made a motion to not post the trustee position to the public or conduct interviews, and instead consider Jim Snivley who applied and interviewed for a position on the Planning Commission. Vote for appointment will take place 30

days prior to Ron Sampsel's designated retirement date. Supported by Ron Sampsel.

- Shelly AcMoody stated that the board is not doing their due diligence if they do not post the position for the public. She stated that we answer to the public and should permit them the opportunity to apply if they choose to do so. Larry Omo stated that the board had appointed members in the past without posting the position.
- Greg took a roll call vote for the motion presented by Larry Omo and supported by Ron Sampsel: Robbi – Yes, Greg – Yes, Shelly – No, Larry – Yes, Ron – Yes.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Robbi Omo requested that the township handbook/job descriptions be added to the agenda for next month. She stated that the document was sent to board members a couple of months ago and requested that board members send her any additions so it may be discussed at the next regular board meeting.
- B. Don Vrablic – discussed possible legislation coming out that will affect septic tanks and require more inspections.
- C. Greg Gemmill stated that he received two phone calls from people wanting to set up marijuana dispensaries in Ovid township.

4. REPORTS

- A. ASSESSING – MELISSA LANE – Melissa was absent, but Greg Gemmill read her assessing report
- B. DPW – NONE
- C. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DON VRABLIC presented the commissioner's report
- D. CEMETERY SEXTON – LUCAS CRONKHITE presented the cemetery sexton report
- E. FIRE DEPARTMENT – JOE JEPSON – no report
- F. ZONING – RUSS JENNINGS presented the zoning report

CORRESPONDANCE

Robbi Omo presented five correspondences: A thank you note from Maurice Riddle, two brochures for MTA classes, A letter from PAC requesting donations, a letter from Charter with a new channel,

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Sampsel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM, supported by Larry Omo.
MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk