

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
November 13, 2017
Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting
Ovid Township Hall – Mobile Office

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

Members present: Greg Gemmill, Supervisor, Robbi Omo, Clerk, Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer, Ron Sampsel, Trustee, Larry Omo, Trustee

Members Absent: none

Others Present: 8 others

AGENDA APPROVAL

Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted with additions N. and O. under new business for budget amendments, and Consumers Energy Contract, respectfully. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING HELD ON October 9th, 2017

L. Omo made a motion to accept October 9th board meeting minutes as submitted. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING FROM OCTOBER 23rd, 2017

L. Omo made a motion to approve special meeting minutes. Sampsel supported. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve treasurer's report with updates on Honor Credit Union accounts, and additional payables McKenna \$291.25, Ludwig Electric \$436.61, Election Source \$380. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sherriff Pollack delivered the Sheriff's report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Junk Violation – Daniel & Bonnie Erickson – 386 Pearl Rd.
Several trailers, cars, and misc equipment/junk
No plates on vehicles, and owner admitted one trailer was being used as an illegal business office. Owner was informed of necessary special permit laws regarding operating a business out of a trailer.
Two letters have been issued, invite to meeting in order to appeal complaint was never responded to.
Gemmill made a motion to take next step to turn over to law enforcement. Sampsel supported. MOTION CARRIED. Gemmill is sending letter to court to proceed with violation process.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election Report - R. Omo delivered the election report; There were 498 voters and the temporary polling location worked well. The Coldwater Lake Association members were very accommodating and helpful. The new election equipment worked well. The board may want to consider a laptop for the clerk in the future, as a laptop is needed for the card-writer software. The Clerk's computer is currently a tower and cannot be used during elections so the Clerk used her personal laptop to download the required software for the card-writer.

- B. Discussion on Increasing Zoning Administrator's Hours – Jennings suggested keeping Tuesday and Thursday, and working Fridays or Mondays starting the week of November 20th 2-6 PM with open office hours from 4-6 PM to accommodate residents who are unable to get into the office with the current Tuesday and Thursday hours.
Sampsel made a motion to increase Zoning Administrators hours by 4 hours (two in office, two on the road) effective immediately, year round. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.
R. Omo figuring hourly rate, and pro-rating November check and presenting resolution at next meeting to approve his compensation.
- C. Opening on Planning Commission - Sean Groves, and Cheryl Downs term is up in 2018
Cheryl presented a list of 5 names she is recommending to fill her position
Ron Sampsel suggested that the Township run an ad in the paper for the position. Greg Gemmill stated that he would do so.
- D. Opening for Cemetery Sexton – George is retiring the end of the year, and Sexton position will be open. George is willing to work with township until the position is filled. Greg Gemmill stated that Tyler Butters is interested in position. Ron Sampsel suggested that an ad be ran in the local paper for the position. Shopper's Guide advertisement with run along with Planning Commission's Opening.
- E. Plan Commission Recommendation – Glen Padmos – Rezone From Village Center To Commercial – Warren Rd. property
Sampsel shared discussion from last Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting involving the recommendation. One more hearing will need to be scheduled.
Padmos explained that when property was purchased it was originally zoned as commercial. Before a hearing is held Sportsman owner will need to be a part of the process to rezone.
Gemmill made a motion to set up for a public hearing 7 PM on Monday, December 11th, before the regular scheduled board meeting. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.
- F. Planning Commission recommendation – Eric Crots- Rezone to allow for welding shop – 121 S. Centennial Rd.
Requesting a special use permit – Crots is an independent welder, not commercial, and is not trying to compete with larger welding business surrounding him. Special use permit process started with request for sign for his shop, and Jennings put him on the right track to getting a special use permit first. Sampsel explained discussion at the Planning Commission meeting.
Gemmill made a motion to grant a special use permit to Crots for 121 S. Centennial Rd welding shop. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.
- G. Annual Meeting with BCRC – Scheduled for December 5th at 11:50 AM
Gemmill will confirm with BCRC tomorrow (11/14)
- H. Ordinance #26 – to allow Michigan Gas the rights to operate in Ovid Township. Must be passed as a RESOLUTION.
Gemmill made a resolution to pass ordinance # 26 to allow Michigan Gas the rights to operate in Ovid Township. L. Omo supported.
R. Omo YES
L. Omo YES
AcMoody YES
Sampsel YES
Gemmill YES
RESOLUTION PASSED.
- I. Junk Violation – Leland & Benjamin – 329 E. Central Rd.
This is the 4th Violation against property in total. Gemmill issued letters to both property owners informing them of violation and the amendment stating the next time this issue arose it would go directly to court.
Property owner assured clean up, but as of 3 weeks ago no junk has been removed. Saturday pictures show that 3 vehicles are plated, but one vehicle is still not taken care of. Still some misc. junk including auto parts. Gemmill stated it is as neat as it has been in a long time, but some clean up is still necessary to be compliant with junk ordinance. Gemmill asked board members if we should send another letter or turn directly over to court, stating that the letter would give him 10 days to bring

the property into compliance. Larry Omo stated that we could send the letter, but as soon as 10 days is up, it should be turned over to court if the property is not in compliance. Ron Sampsel agreed. Larry Omo made a motion to issue a letter and if the property isn't compliant in 10 days, it will be turned over to the court. Gemmill supports. MOTION CARRIED. Gemmill will be follow up on property and taking the next necessary steps.

- J. Junk Violation – Mark Paradine – 306 S. Fillmore Rd.
Gemmill stated there are three un-plated vehicles, boat, and boat trailer are on the property, and a deteriorating barn is also a concern.
Gemmill made a motion to send first letter to start violation process informing property owner of the violation and how to correct it. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.
- K. Charter Cable Franchise Agreement
Renewal at 3%, board can choose up to 5%.
R. Omo made a motion to submit a resolution to continue contract as is at 3% with Charter Cable Franchise. Gemmill supports.
R. Omo YES
L. Omo YES
Sampsel YES
Gemmill YES
AcMoody YES
RESOLUTION PASSED.
- L. Winter Newsletter
Gemmill recommended adding watercraft in regard to plated vehicle requirements as they relate to the junk ordinance.
Board members discussed the cemetery sexton's departure and decided George Baker remain as stated Sexton for the purpose of the newsletter. Before the newsletter is printed Gemmill will discuss with George to make him aware that his contact information will remain until a replacement is appointment to the position.
- M. Items Related to Fire
R. Omo discussed new bid that went out to contractors last Tuesday– Bids are due at Ovid Township Hall on December 8th at 11:00AM. The timeline for completion will be stated by individual contractors within the bids.
Point of Interest: Bids seem considerably higher due to costs going up for building materials due to natural disasters the United States has experienced this year.
- N. Consumer's Energy Agreement
Agreement requires resolution to pass Standard Lighting contract for street lights.
R. Omo made a resolution to sign contract to pass the resolution for Standard Lighting. Gemmill supports.
R. Omo YES
L. Omo YES
Gemmill YES
Sampsel YES
AcMoody YES
Resolution Passed.
- O. Budget Amendments - (See Memorandum)
Gemmill made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented pending confirmation of road oiling allocations. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discuss date for budget workshop in December: Date set for Wednesday, December 13th for 5:30 PM.

Jepson – the curve by Hutch’s marine (Miller and Quimby); people constantly running the stop signs. On both sides of intersection there are children, and resident drivers are constantly endangered from people blowing through the signs. Vrablic stated that Road Commission is discussing this intersection.

Gemmill received email about Wood Rd. and Volkmer Rd. wedging completion and compensation.

Gemmill also got a call from representative from special assessments and their road maintenance needs.

REPORTS

- A. ZONING – RUSS JENNINGS** delivered the zoning report: Two ZBAs on 11/30 for Treasure Cove and Otis Rd. - both lots splits
Pebernat’s attorney has sent a letter regarding the not zoned commercial property.
If friend’s using property are willing to sign affidavits so the township can have those on file.
Larry Omo made a motion to request that paperwork for the townships file in order to dissolve this issue short of court hearings. Gemmill supports. MOTION CARRIED.
Newsome (Sunny Shores) violation - Jennings will issue first letter and pursue legal action as the next step if necessary after the 10 day mark of letter being issued.
- B. ASSESSING – MELISSA LANE** delivered the assessing report - December 12 (December board of review meeting)
David Mollott presented a drawing to planning commission and assessor is asking for clarification on decision regarding the property. Jennings and Lane were supposed to meet to approve and fine tune details involving the lot assessment.
- C. DPW – NONE**
- D. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DON VRABLIC** presented the commissioner report
- E. CEMETERY SEXTON – NONE**
- F. Lakeland Fire Department – Joe Jepson** delivered the Fire Department report
Pat Albright has been elected vice president. Lakeland FD was denied grant for air tanks. Bronson FD received their grant; all old gear from them has been offered to Lakeland for \$45k.

CORRESPONDANCE

Robbi Omo delivered correspondence from MTA, DEQ, and Hamilton Mutual Insurance letter
Greg Gemmill delivered correspondence regarding hearings, and FEMA

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. R. Omo supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk

Recorded by Deputy (Recording) Clerk, Samantha Pickering