

**OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**April 10th, 2017**

**Regular Board Meeting**

The Ovid Township Board met at the Kinderhook Township Hall on Monday, April 10th, 2017

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

Members absent:

Also in attendance were additional guests; Joe Jepson -Lakeland fire dept. representative, and 5 others

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

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- March 13th Regular Board Meeting: Sampsel made a motion to approve the minutes from the Ovid Township Board meeting of March 13th, 2017. Motion was supported by L. Omo. MOTION CARRIED.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Special Board Meeting: L. Omo made a motion to approve minutes from the special meeting on the 21st of March as submitted. Sampsel supported. MOTION CARRIED.
- April 6th Special Board Meeting: Sampsel made a motion to approve the minutes from the Ovid Township Special Board Meeting of April 6th, 2017. Motion was supported by L. Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gemmill made a motion to approve treasurer's report as submitted. L. Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Dennis Babjack - Coldwater Lake Association Fireworks- not present**
- B. **Maxson/Peters lot split on Longview Drive** - Mr. Peters submitted a signed letter of affidavit to get the tax bill straightened out and sent to the proper property owners.
- C. **Lakeland Fire Department contract** - Sampsel inquired about the specifics including the first item on the on LFD projected budget of costs break down listed as miscellaneous. equipment at \$12,000. Joe Jepson, the representative for LFD, and LFD board member, state that he would get confirmation on those costs as he isn't certain.

Larry Omo inquired about Medical first responders items, questioning whether LFD ever tries to collect costs from insurances on runs where help isn't needed once they arrive? Will get information, but Mutual aid agreements between surrounding departments have made it hard to claim things like this.

Robbi Omo asked board members if they have reviewed the itemized break down this closely in the past as she is curious as to a baseline to compare expenses. She further stated that contract increase requests appear to be consistent based on the past 30 years of contracts, noting that the year the increase request was higher, was when they were purchasing a new firetruck. She also stated that the more valuable information would be what the expenses have been over the past three years rather than the budgeted amount.

Joe Jepson stated that he will attend next Ovid board meeting with answers to inquiries from tonight's meeting.

Robbi Omo made a motion to pass a resolution to accept the contract as written. Motion supported by Shelly AcMoody.

L. Omo YES  
Sampsel YES  
AcMoody YES  
R. Omo YES  
Gemmill YES  
RESOLUTION PASSED.

**D. Report on current Junk violations**

Sandra Ely - Gemmill went to District court on Tuesday. Sandra Ely said she would clear everything in two weeks. Greg Gemmill will inform Judge Coyle in two weeks if the property is not cleared.

Linda Williams - morning of court appearance date the cars were gone, informed the miscellaneous items behind shed will be removed.

Robert Leland - 290 central - still two vehicles out front for sale. Board discussed that vehicles cannot be for sale indefinitely. Gemmill suggests 30 day table on this junk violation. In two weeks Gemmill will visit the property and tell him that the cars need to be plated, sold, or gone by next meeting or the township will be forced to take further action.

Mark Chaney - Letter sent to wrong place - letter resent a few days ago. Gemmill stated that if the structure falls it will impede on neighboring structures and therefore needs to be removed.

Jeff Longardner - informed that vehicles need to be plated, stored or moved. Board will give him 30 days to come into compliance.

Robert and Monica Granger - Board discussed an old dangerous building located on property owned by the Grangers. A letter was sent to property owners who replied that they intend to tear down structure. The informed the Supervisor that they are expecting new tractor in the near future and will be able to tear it down. Larry Omo stated that the

Township cannot enforce that they tear down the building as it was there prior to the zoning.

**E. Branch County Road Commission notification form - dust control request**

Gemmill received a list of township roads to be oiled for a total of 14.1 miles of gravel roads. He asked board members if they want to pursue a single or double application process. Board members discussed past practice, benefits of double application, vendors, and additional items related to road oiling.

Michigan Mineral single application would be at a rate of \$400/mile for a total cost of \$5,800 vs. Double application at \$300/mile for a total cost of \$8,700.

Ron Sampsel made a motion to pass a resolution to do a double application on gravel roads through using Michigan Mineral, Larry Omo supported. Roll call vote:

L. Omo YES  
Gemmill YES  
R. Omo YES  
AcMoody YES  
Sampsel YES  
RESOLUTION PASSED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution 2017-4-10A - re-establish that postmarks on tax payments will not be accepted**

R. Omo made a motion to accept the resolution, L. Omo supported. Roll call vote:

L. Omo YES  
Sampsel YES  
AcMoody YES  
R. Omo YES  
Gemmill YES  
RESOLUTION PASSED.

**B. Resolution 2017-4-10B - determine dust control for township gravel roads**

Sampsel made a motion to pass the resolution, supported by L. Omo. Roll call vote:

L. Omo YES  
Sampsel YES  
AcMoody YES  
R. Omo YES  
Gemmill YES  
RESOLUTION PASSED.

**C. Resolution 2017-4-10C - to place 3" of gravel on Sanford rd from Fenn Rd. to Lockwood Rd (1 Mile)**

Sampsel made a motion to pass the resolution, supported by L. Omo. Roll call vote:

L. Omo YES  
AcMoody YES

R. Omo YES  
Gemmill YES  
Sampsel YES  
RESOLUTION PASSED.

**D. Resolution 2017-4-10D - to seal-coat .235 miles of Jo Jo Lake. Actual charges will be for labor, equipment, materials, and overhead, and invoiced accordingly**

Gemmill made a motion to pass the resolution, supported by L. Omo. Roll call vote:  
L. Omo YES  
AcMoody YES  
Sampsel YES  
Gemmill YES  
R. Omo YES  
RESOLUTION PASSED.

**E. Resolution 2017-4-10E to seal-coat .245 miles of Kim and Zale Drives.**

Gemmill made a motion to pass the resolution, supported by L. Omo. Roll call vote:  
L. Omo YES  
AcMoody YES  
R. Omo YES  
Sampsel YES  
Gemmill YES  
RESOLUTION PASSED.

**F. Proposed changes to permit fees and fines**

Changes: Land split costs doubled. Fines raised to 3xs instead of 2xs. PUDs and amending PUD are by resolution of the board and have costs attached/associated.  
Gemmill made a motion to accept the proposed changes to fines and costs. Sampsel supported. MOTION PASSED.

Clerk will post to website.

**G. Rand Bowman Response to our zoning**

Brief discussion by board members. Services are not necessary.

**H. Discussion of items related to the fire**

Board discussed the following fire-related items:

- Proposed contracts from engineers for the re-design of the Ovid Township Hall.
- Clerk stated that the Inventory of Items list will be sent to the adjuster by Friday, April 14th. Any additions need to be sent to her this week.
- Clerk stated that adjuster has requested the contact information for contractors. Board members are uncomfortable handing this portion over to the adjuster as they don't want the Township removed from the process.
- Supervisor stated that Longardner is ready to line up for demolition upon approval from adjuster.
- Supervisor questioned whether or not the dumpster currently on the property is being removed by ServPro or if the Township needs to contact the waste company.

Clerk will follow up with ServPro, and inquire as to whether or not it can be used by the demolition company.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Christine Forrister stated that Mussen Builders, one of the companies being considered for the rebuild, is not a local company, and she has read that the Township will be using local companies for the rebuild. She further stated that she does understand that they do a lot of work in the area.

Larry Omo stated that Mussen is located in Fremont Indiana, and that his wife's grandmother was Ovid's first zoning administrator or affiliated with the Township in some form. He also stated that there are no builders, who have to be bonded and insured to build a public building, located in Ovid Township, but most are from Michigan.

Russ Jennings stated that Ovid Township's fire contract increase is a great deal compared to what other fire departments are doing to other townships.

**REPORTS:**

- A. **Zoning-** Russ Jennings presented the zoning report for the month. Permit # 304 still missing from fire (copy of Feb. zoning report requested to recover permit)
- B. **Assessing –** Melissa Lane delivered the Board of Review report - complimented new board of review members for doing a great job.

Melissa Lane will present a new assessing contract to Ovid Township at the April meeting.

Moving forward they need to originate the lot split with Russ unless it's in a platted subdivision then they will need to appear before the board.

- C. **DPW –** None
- D. **County Commissioner –** None
- E. **Cemetery Sexton –** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** R. Omo presented township correspondence received in the past month: Charter - 2 letters, 2 DEQs

Shelley AcMoody: attending MTA conference in Lansing on Tuesday for education sessions

Gemmill: MTAs introduction to planning and zoning, MTA MI township association pack

**ADJOURNMENT:** Larry Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by AcMoody. Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p .m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk  
Minutes Prepared by Samantha Pickering, recording clerk