

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
September 12, 2016
Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Robbi Omo, Clerk at 7:30 pm

Robbi Omo led guests and board members in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Members Absent: Sue Miller, Supervisor

Also in attendance were 31 guests.

Robbi Omo made a motion that in the absence of the Supervisor, Larry Omo be the moderator of record while Greg Gemmill, deputy supervisor, review agenda in preparation of duties related to Supervisor as the incumbent. AcMoody supports. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Amendment to the agenda: one addition under new business - budget amendments

Ron Sampsel moved to approve agenda with addition. Larry omo supports. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Larry Omo moves to approve minutes from the August 8th meeting as submitted. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Larry Omo motioned to approve treasures report. Sampsel supported. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sherriff Pollack presented the Sherriff's report, which included: the death of a posse member killed in line of duty - name will be added to list of fallen heroes, fair week posse work hours, road patrol report, August statics report, marine patrol report, and the animal control report.

Greg Gemmill inquired about Centennial and Central intersection due to a concerned resident . Sherriff Pollack stated that the road commission can request a review of intersection. A resident also inquired about after 6 pm coverage of sheriff's department - no news.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Junk Complaint at 434 Sycamore Beach** - the resident reported to the board that they have removed cars from property but still have some work to do. Larry Omo moves to allow 30 days extension and return next month. AcMoody supports. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. New Printer/Fax/Copier/Scanner**

Spreadsheet with options presented to board and reviewed by Robbi Omo. After some discussion regarding benefits from different providers, Larry Omo makes a motion to go with business impressions with the lease program. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Branch County Road Commission - Private Drive Maintenance

BCRC has decided to end private drive road maintenance as of October 1st. No repairs or snow removal; they will do full re-gravels at their discretion. Private drives will need to be privately contracted. Branch County Road Commission delivered the news to the township last month. Larry Omo stated that this news is relatively new to the Ovid Township Board and that we intend to discuss the issues involved and determine a plan moving forward.

Greg Gemmill invited residents express concerns and make statements, but asked that each district select one representative to speak.

1. Don Holds - Iyopawa Island - Concerned about contractor issues: prices through the roof already because they know about special districts road commission issue.
2. Carla Boyer - Fiesta Shores - How does she pay her private contractors? Board members informed all residents that their funds are available in their individual accounts.
3. Tom Shenefield – Treasure Cove - will the assessment continue? Once they find private contractor, can the township cut the checks out of assessment funds? Board members collectively stated that they intend to work with residents to come up with a solution and reiterated that the funds are available, and do belong to the districts. The board needs to determine if they will act as a fiduciary for the districts, while residents contract the labor, or if they will dissolve the districts and return the funds to each district. Resident response was that they would like to keep the districts in place, contract their own labor, and have the township process the payments.
4. Tom Greenburg - Bingham lake association- gathering information to return to property owners in their assessment.
5. Norm Tamer - 2 years ago with snow drifts were too high to get back to the roads- Greg Gemmill stated that emergency situations will be handled by BCRC, but the request must come through 911.
6. Sue Tamer - Suggested information sharing between special assessment districts to keep contractors in check. Greg Gemmill stated that he would help coordinate a contact list so residents could work together.
5. Becky Tomnick - Sunny Shores - not happy with last year's maintenance.
6. Tom Roslin - does not want any assessments to be dissolved due to the difficulty in collecting funds from residents.

After further discussion with residents Robbi Omo made a motion to put a policy in place for special assessments outlining the Township policy regarding special assessment contractor payments and procedures for district representatives to request payment for contractors. Larry Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

Greg Gemmill further suggests that residents keep in mind that funds in their special assessments could run out quickly and may need to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Wayne Haylett request to remove dead ash tree from his property/township hall property line

Brought a letter removing liability from the township.

Larry Omo makes a motion to allow Haylett to remove tree from the property line and accept letter to allow property owner to take all responsibility. Sampsel supported. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Township Hall cleaning

Cleaning lady gave an unspoken resignation by not calling and not showing for a cleaning since April. Needs to be contacted to get the key back. Greg Gemmill volunteered to contact her.

C. Abraham & Gaffney additional audit requirement

The township audit cannot be completed without the Independent standards audit, which has to be done by an unaffiliated CPA. Abraham & Gaffney has recommended a CPA. The fee will be approximately \$750.

Larry Omo makes a motion to hire the CPA to audit the auditors. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Budget Amendments

Robbi Omo makes a motion to create account to compensate the deputy supervisor. \$200 per meeting, retro activated to July, and further stated that this a temporary position until Greg Gemmill assumes the office of Supervisor and while he works with the current Supervisor to learn the position. This would increase the budget by \$800. Larry Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

Township board service fees: The board voted to pay the service fee for residents to have access to the tax website. This requires a budget amendment and increase of \$3,150.

Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve budget with amendments. Robbi Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No additional comment

REPORTS:

A. Zoning - Russ Jennings delivered the zoning report

B. Assessing - Melissa Lane delivered the assessors report

C. DPW- No report

D. County Commissioner - Don Vrablic delivered the commissioner report

E. Cemetery Sexton - George had no report to deliver

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT: Robbi Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Larry Omo. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. MOTION CARRIED.