

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
February 13th, 2017
Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting

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

Members Absent: Larry Omo, trustee

Others Present: 10 others

AGENDA APPROVAL

Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted with the movement of Lakeland fire department up to public comment so they could fulfill another commitment elsewhere. AcMoody supports. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING HELD ON December 12th, 2016

Gemmill made a motion to accept January 9th, 2017 board meeting and public hearing minutes as submitted. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gemmill made a motion to approve treasurer's report as submitted. R. Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lakeland Fire Department contract proposal (Paul Searing & Pat Albright)- Albright- Current contract expires in April, 2017. Requesting an increase of \$7,000/year to \$77,000 per year paid quarterly for 3 years. Increase requested due to increasing maintenance costs and increase in volunteer fireman per diem pay; currently \$15/run, want to increase to \$20/run. Gemmill stated the past contracts have stated that we would receive a quarterly report, but that is not being fulfilled. Don Vrablic vouched for the quality of the Lakeland fire department volunteer members. Gemmill requested reports and information about where the contracted funds are spent. R Omo requested financial report for last fiscal year. No contract was signed due to L. Omo absence and pending requested information. Representatives agreed to provide the requested information to Gemmill.

Sheriff Pollack – Stated that he is beginning of 2nd term as Sheriff and thanked everyone for their support, then delivered sheriff's report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Junk complaint update 573 Angola Rd – 2nd violation (Ely)
Gemmill stated that prior to start of the regular board meeting Ely visited township hall – old mobile home, vehicles – has been mostly cleaned up, and remainder is reported to be removed by Friday. Sampsel moved to table it until next meeting in order to see progress. Gemmill supported MOTION CARRIED
- B. Junk complaint at 328 E. Central Rd. Vehicle, furniture, and trash (Benjamin Leland)
Gemmill contacted owner and she is selling property on a land contract and owner requested a letter be sent to purchasers and owner with ordinance. Reportedly looks better, but still needs work. Gemmill made a motion to send second letter, specifying in detail where they are still in violation. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED
- C. Junk complaint (Reissue) 577 S. Angola Rd. (Williams)

Sampsel got a call from owner of the vehicle on the property. There's a lean against the cars in Indiana, and will have removed in 30 days. Gemmill made a motion to give the owners 30 days from February 6th, from last date of contact and then issue a reissue the notice. R. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Fill position for board of review

Sampsel made a motion that Larry Weikart be appointed to the open position on board of review. Supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

E. Update on Rand Bowman – Intermunicipality committee

Gemmill stated that he offered to look at zoning ordinances and stand-alone ordinances in relation to how Ag property will be affected by the new laws – this is a free service, with a follow up recommendation. Gemmill informed members that he as provided Bowman with all the requested information.

Don Vrablic and Andy AcMoody both recommended that there is a history with Mr. Bowman and the Township needs to proceed with caution.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lot split in a platted sub-division. 110-L40-000-022-00 & 110-L40-000-021-00. Lot 22 split & ½ Lot (30') sold to Dennis & Kathy Peters, by Job Maxson – had two lots at end of Longview and wanted to sell half of lot to neighbor. Deed has been filed, but was never brought before the board. Gemmill contacted Branch County Abstract and Title Company and informed them all land splits in Ovid township are to be presented and approved by the Ovid Township Board prior to being completed through the Title company. He issued letters to both parties involved in an illegal land split. Gemmill made a motion to table until next month, and invite those involved to next meeting to acquire more information. Sampsel suggested not waiving fines in the future. Melissa Lane suggested that both parties be present when processing and approving land splits to avoid miscommunication and illegal land splits like this. Sampsel supported motion to table until March meeting. MOTION CARRIED

- B. Junk Ordinance – 2nd violation at 328 E. Central Rd. (Bailey)

Gemmill was told current property owner was supposed to remove remaining items this week, which hasn't happened, but does see a small effort on property owner's end. Home owner has had over a month to clean property. Sampsel made a motion to give owner a week to clean up otherwise the citation process will begin. AcMoody supports. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Proposal to address current fee & fine structure for zoning permits.

Gemmill and Andy AcMoody, planning commission chair, agreed to have planning commission review fine and fee structures at next month's planning meeting to provide recommendation to the board, and publish new fees and fines in the June newsletter.

IIIX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy AcMoody delivered Ovid Township Planning Commission 2016 Annual Report

I. REPORTS

- A. ZONING – RUSS JENNINGS presented the zoning report ZBA meeting set for 22nd 6:30
- B. ASSESSING – MELISSA LANE presented the assessing report
- C. DPW – none

- D. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DON VRABLIC presented the commissioner report
- E. CEMETERY SEXTON – none

II. CORRESPONDENCE - R. Omo delivered correspondence:

MTA classes

Medical Marijuana -MMLE

Charter notification

DEQs (4)

Gemmill's correspondence: Revenue split explanation

III. ADJOURNMENT

Sampsel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by R. Omo. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk

Recorded by Deputy (Recording) Clerk, Samantha Pickering