

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD  
May 8, 2017  
Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at Kinderhook Township hall for the regular board meeting on May 8th, 2017. Greg Gemmill called the meeting to order and led 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: 6 guests

AGENDA APPROVAL - Larry Omo made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of 'G' under old business, and Lakeland Fire Department added to reports. Gemmill supports. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING HELD ON April 10, 2016 - Ron Sampsel made a motion to accept April 10, 2017 board meeting and public hearing minutes as submitted. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON MAY 1, 2017 - Larry Omo made a motion to approve as submitted. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT - AcMoody went over Treasurers report and Statement of Accounts

Robbi Omo stated that Xerox statements were still active because the lease contract is still active. She recommended paying off the full amount of the buy-out contract this month, which will be submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement. Robbi Omo reviewed the Quickbooks subscription – the payroll version is no longer supported at the end of May. She recommended moving to the online version, which will eliminate backing up to a jump drive and handing back and forth between the clerk and treasurer . She provided a spreadsheet with online benefits and worst case scenario costs. Gemmill made a motion to move to Quickbooks online. Larry Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

Robbi Omo motion to issue additional payments for March: Xerox in the amount of \$3517,11 and an expense submitted by the Supervisor payable to Greg Gemmill in the amount of \$24.85. Larry Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED

Robbi Omo made a motion to place the treasurer's report on file. Gemmill supports. MOTION CARRIED.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis – from Coldwater Lake Association - Making township aware Warren Rd. bridge area will be dredged out after June 30th.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A. Junk Violation –Ely- 573 S. Angola Rd - Gemmill made a motion to close this case. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Junk Violation – Benjamin/Leland – 290 E. Central Rd. - Gemmill made a motion to close this case. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Junk Violation – Chaney- 678 Waynes Beach - Sampsel made a motion to send second letter to move forward with violation process. Gemmill supports. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Junk Violation – Longardner/Edgeworth – 570 Grass Lake Rd. - Gemmill made a motion to close case. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

E. Junk Violation – Granger – S. Angola Rd/Lockwood Rd. - Gemmill made a motion to close the case. Sampsel supports. MOTION CARRIED.

F. BCRC Addition to Grass Lake Rd. Seal Coat Project - Greg Gemmill received an email from Trent Arver regarding additional work to Grass Lake Rd. Larry Omo requested specific information regarding the location and distance on the road that will be covered in the contract. Greg Gemmill stated that he would follow up with Trent Arver. Tabled until more information is gathered.

G. Coldwater Lake Fireworks Permit - July 1, 2017 is the proposed date for fireworks, with rain date of July 2, 2017. Sampsel made a motion to approve the permit. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A. Fireworks Permit – Rose Lake Association – Information was presented by Greg Gemmill. Fireworks to be July 22, 2017 at 10 PM. Sampsel made a motion to approve the permit. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Assessors Contract - Melissa Lane submitted a proposal for a new contract for the Ovid Township Assessor. Based on the number of parcels that are in need of a complete update, Melissa has requested a four-year contract with an increase of \$1,703.13 per month. Over the course of the four years, all parcels will be completely updated, which hasn't been done since 1995. Larry Omo made a motion to approve the contract proposal. Sampsel supports with

additional comment that the township is spending more money with increases like this and the fire department contract, and the money isn't being generated through taxes. MOTION CARRIED.

#### C. Items related to fire:

Robbi Omo stated that the mobile office is up, and she is currently working with an electrician and Consumer's Energy to get power which should be by end of week. Both sewer and water tanks are hooked up and ready for power as well. Shelly AcMoody will coordinate phone and internet once the power is turned on. Robbi Omo stated that she believed there would be enough space to hold regular board meetings in the new facility. Board members discussed using the mobile office for all meetings beginning next month. Shelly AcMoody stated that meetings in June could be held at the mobile office and we could see how it goes. Board members agreed that the Township could try it out.

Robbi Omo stated that the forensic engineer hired by the insurance company and the adjuster from EMC met with her and Larry Omo last Thursday, May 4th to review the foundation. The forensic engineer stated to Larry Omo that he cannot make a fair assessment until debris and water from all of the rain is cleared.

Robbi Omo and Shelly AcMoody met with the Township Attorney, Joe Haas, on Monday, May 8th to review the undisputed claim offer on the building. They provided the attorney with a binder containing documents submitted to the adjuster along with the email communications with the adjuster. They also submitted a complete copy of the insurance policy to the attorney for review. Mr. Haas will contact Robbi once he has reviewed the materials and policy to advise board members on how to proceed regarding the undisputed claims offer.

Robbi Omo stated that the Attorney stated that there is no reason for the insurance company to push so hard to close this out at this point since it was such a destructive fire, complicated by the fact that it is still under investigation.

Shelly AcMoody stated that they also discussed a subpoena served on the treasurer for various township documents. The Attorney stated that we should provide the materials on a jump drive and offer further assistance if needed.

D. DNR Boat Launch Sign for little Rose Lake - Greg Gemmill requested permission to put signs up at Little Rose Lake. Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve putting signs up. L. Omo supports. MOTION CARRIED.

E. Junk Violation Re-visit – Richard Fincham – 434 Sycamore Beach - Sampsel made a motion to have Gemmill issue first letter requesting his presence and proof of vehicles registration on property to next meeting. L. Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED.

#### IIX. PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident from Sunny Shores asked if dust control need to be done once or twice. Greg Gemmill and Larry Omo discussed the options for dust control with the resident and explained the pros and cons of applications. Greg advised the resident that it is entirely up to those assessments residents.

## I. REPORTS

A. ZONING – RUSS JENNINGS presented the zoning report. He stated that he added aviolation for Lois Benjamin (Rope Fence). He also wanted to let board members know that he has started to receive calls for solar farms. Ovid Township does not currently have an ordinance to provide for solar farms.

B. ASSESSING – MELISSA LANE presented assessing as part of the contract presentation.

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 and provided answers to questions from the last board meeting

II. CORRESPONDENCE – Greg Gemmill delivered a correspondences from Consumers Energy

III. ADJOURNMENT - Sampsel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by L. Omo. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk

Recorded by Deputy (Recording) Clerk, Samantha Pickering