



Ovid Township Hall  
Branch County, Michigan  
January 11, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
(Zoom Meeting due to State imposed restrictions)

Greg Gemmill called meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and proceeded to take roll call attendance.

Members present: Greg Gemmill, Supervisor; Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer; Amy Havasy, Clerk; Jim Snivley, Trustee; Larry Omo, Trustee.

Members absent: None

Others present: Robert Hawley, Zoning Administrator; Michael Mihuc, Director of Hillsdale Compliance; Bill Benjamin; 2 others.

**Approval of agenda** – Larry Omo made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Jim Snivley.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of minutes from the December 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting** – Larry Omo made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 14, 2020 regular board meeting, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of minutes from the December 22, 2020 Budget Workshop** – Amy Havasy made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 22, 2020 budget workshop, supported by Shelly AcMoody.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Treasurers Report** – Amy Havasy made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, with additional payments to: Shelly AcMoody for \$98.44, Greg Gemmill for \$43.12, Coldwater Media Group for \$508 and Coldwater BPU for \$858. Supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)**

None

## **Reports:**

1. Sheriff – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by John Pollack
2. County Commissioner – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by Tom Matthews
3. Assessing – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by Melissa Lane
4. Cemetery Sexton – Greg Gemmill read the report submitted by Lucas Chronkhite
5. DPW – No Report
6. Lakeland Fire Dept. – No Report
7. Zoning Administrator – Robert Hawley presented the Zoning report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. JUNK VIOLATION REPORT**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

The clerk presented the recommended budget amendments to balance the budget. Amy Havasy made a motion to accept the budget amendments for FY 2021 as presented, supported by Greg Gemmill. MOTION CARRIED

### **B. TREASURER SALARY INCREASE RESOLUTION 2021-1-11A**

The Ovid Township Board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Treasurer is warranted. The Treasurer salary will increase from \$21,450 to \$23,450. Shelly AcMoody made a motion to accept the resolution as written, supported by Amy Havasy. By roll-call vote: Jim Snivley – Yes, Amy Havasy – Yes, Larry Omo – Yes, Greg Gemmill – Yes, Shelly AcMoody – Yes. RESOLUTION PASSED

### **C. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT (SOLAR ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS)**

Jim Snivley informed the Board that the next Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for January 26, 2021 at 6 PM. Chris Donbrock is working on the ordinances.

### **D. MARIHUANA LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Greg Gemmill spoke with Joe Haas, Haas and Caywood, regarding the forming of a committee to process the applications and licensing of retail marijuana establishments in the Township. The Committee will comprise of Amy Havasy, Robert Hawley and Jim Snivley. Greg also made a motion that the committee is paid a rate of \$100 per meeting for members, and \$125 per meeting for the secretary. Supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

### **E. BUDGET CHANGES**

Greg Gemmill mentioned changes that needed to be made to the FY 2022 budget with regards to the increase in the Treasurer's salary, and the Marijuana licensing.

### **F. SHOPPERS GUIDE FOR MEETING NOTICES (LAWYER OPINION)**

Residents of Ovid have asked Greg Gemmill why all notices aren't placed in the Shoppers Guide. Greg asked for the Boards opinion regarding this. Shelly AcMoody expressed

concern over the added costs to the Township. Larry Omo will look into the expense of a lighted electric sign for the Township Hall.

**G. CBPU HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2021**

The 2021 CBPU Household Hazardous Waste will be held again at the Branch County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Greg Gemmill made a motion that the Township participate, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

**H. DISCUSS SALARY & COMMITTEE & COMMISSION PAY REVIEWS**

Greg Gemmill made a motion that the Board hold a special meeting every 2 years to look at possible salary increases, beginning in 2022, and that the Board sit down in May 2021 to set guidelines. Supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

**Public Comment (3-minute limit)**

Michael Mihuc, Director of Hillsdale Compliance, asked if the Planning Commission had set the zoning for the retail marijuana establishments. Greg Gemmill stated that they had. Michael also asked if a location could be rezoned, and was informed that any rezoning would have to be brought in front of the Zoning Board.

**Correspondence:**

Greg Gemmill stated that he had 1 correspondence.

Amy Havasy stated that she had no correspondence.

Motion to Adjourn made by Shelly AcMoody, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Havasy, Clerk