

Ovid Township  
Ovid Township Hall  
(Branch County, Michigan)  
July 8th, 2019  
Public Hearing

1. Call public hearing to order at 7:00PM
2. Members present – all board members
3. Attendees - 15
4. Pledge to the Flag – board members leads guests in the pledge to the Flag.
5. Approval of agenda – Jim Snively made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, supported by Shelly AcMoody, MOTION CARRIED.
6. New Business
  - a. Proposed special assessment district for Shady Oaks sub-divisions, for aquatic weed control.
  - b. Greg Gemmill, township supervisor, reviewed key points for the special assessments and the township’s roll as fiduciary. He further reviewed the processes and function of the special assessments.
7. Public comment
  - i. Rick Speith had a question regarding the 10% that the township is permitted to increase the assessment. Greg informed him that it could be more or it could be less.
  - ii. Renee Speith had a question regarding the quote from the provider for the weed control. She asked if it was the only quote. Greg stated that it was the only one that was presented to him, and further explained that obtaining the quotes with the responsibility of the residents of the assessment.
8. Adjourn – Larry Omo made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, supported by Jim Snivley. Public hearing adjourned at 7:12. MOTION CARRIED.

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Regular Board Meeting  
Minutes

Greg Gemmill called the meeting to order immediately following the close of the public hearing.

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

Members absent: None

Others present: There were 14 guests in attendance.

Approval of the agenda – Shelly AcMoody requested an addition to the agenda for CD discussion during the Treasurer’s Report. Larry Omo made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of minutes from the June 10th 2019 regular board meeting. Larry Omo made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer’s Report – Shelly presented a CD that would be maturing on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Robbi Omo made a motion contact Honor Credit Union where the CD is currently held, and as if they are willing to match the highest rate quote received from a competing bank, then further motioned to permit the Treasurer’s discretion in making the final re-investment due to daily changing rates and timing of the board meeting. Robbi Omo submitted one additional payment: Frontier for Clerk’s phone \$217.80. Greg Gemmill made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report with additional payment and CD and place it on file, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

SHERIFF – JOHN POLLACK – Presented the Sheriff’s report, including information regarding the old jail and the new jail.

ASSESSING – MELISSA LANE – BOR on July 16<sup>th</sup> at noon

CEMETERY SEXTON – LUCAS CRONKHITE – Robbi Omo, Clerk, presented a report submitted by Lucas Cronkhite.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DON VRABLIC – Presented the commissioners report

DPW – PAUL WIMBIGLER – No report

ZONING – RUSS JENNINGS – Presented the zoning administrator’s report

LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT – JOE JEPSON – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Robert Wilbur, resident addressed the board regarding ordinance 23. Mr. Wilbur has an issue regarding junk collection at residence 523 Fenn Rd. He is the neighbor and has stated that the property is in violation of the township junk ordinance. Greg Gemmill stated that he would obtain pictures and work on the issue.

### 1. OLD BUSINESS

A. TAG LINE FOR WEBSITE – Robbi Omo stated that we are not moving forward with a tag line at this time, and the logo that was the most popular contained the corn, lake and deer.

B. REMOVAL OF TOMKINS DRIVE ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE - cancelled

### 2. NEW BUSINESS

A. POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR ACCOUNT DEFICITS ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS – Robbi Omo presented the policy and procedure. The board discussed the process and Robbi requested they wait to vote on the procedure until the next meeting so they could work through the process with the auditors. Tabled until next meeting

B. POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR PRIVATE ROAD BLOCKAGES (PUBLIC SAFETY) – Greg Gemmill read a draft of a policy for handling down trees and emergencies on private roads. Residents, Tom and Sam Greenburg, who live on a private road expressed concern regarding emergency procedures for residents who live on private roads. After extensive discussion between board members and attendees, the board determined the following: Ovid Township is not responsible for emergency issues on private roads; residents need to contact 911 when they have an emergency issue; it was strongly recommended that residents develop an emergency response plan within their private roads. Greg will re-draft the policy and have it reviewed by the township attorney.

C. RESOLUTION 2019-7-8A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR SHADY OAKS AQUATIC WEED CONTROL. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE.

Greg Gemmill submitted the resolution -to establish a special assessment district for aquatic weed management for the channels and lakefront in Shady Oaks sub-division, sub-division 2, sub-division 3, sub-division 4, and sub-division 5, whereas a special assessment district for aquatic weed control will be proposed and a second hearing held on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to hear opposition from any resident to participation in the district will be heard, and final assessment roll will be established, supported by Larry Omo. By roll call vote: Larry Omo, yes; Shelly AcMoody, yes; Jim Snivley, yes; Robbi Omo, yes; Greg Gemmill, yes. There were no nay votes. RESOLUTION PASSED.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Max Benjamin asked a question about the special aquatic assessment.

Greg Gemmill had a brief discussion with resident Rayman Bequette regarding the aquatic assessment and what is permitted within mandated guidelines.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – The Clerk presented two DEQ's, and the Supervisor presented two brochures for training
5. ADJOURN Larry Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Jim Snivley.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Clerk.