

Ovid Township  
Ovid Township Hall  
(Branch County, Michigan)  
August 12th, 2019  
Public Hearing

1. Call public hearing to order at 7:00PM
2. Members present – all board members
3. Attendees - 9
4. Pledge to the Flag – board members leads guests in the pledge to the Flag.
5. Approval of agenda – Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, supported by Larry Omo, MOTION CARRIED.
6. New Business
  - A. OPPOSITION TO PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR SHADY OAKS SUB-DIVISIONS, FOR AQUATIC WEED CONTROL.
  - B. No public comment
9. Adjourn – Greg Gemmill made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, supported by Jim Snivley. Public hearing adjourned at 7:05. 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 9 guests in attendance.

Approval of the agenda – Larry Omo, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 public hearing. Larry Omo made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 regular board meeting. Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – Greg Gemmill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with correction on one payment, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

AUDITOR'S REPORT – Jim Frendt, Maner Costerisan delivered the auditor's report.

SHERIFF – JOHN POLLACK – No report

ASSESSING – MELISSA LANE – Melissa delivered the assessor's report

CEMETERY SEXTON – LUCAS CRONKHITE – Robbi Omo stated that Lucas would be maintaining the stones around the building, and clean up around the pine trees in the yard.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DON VRABLIC – Don delivered the commissioner's report.

DPW – PAUL WIMBIGLER – No report

ZONING – RUSS JENNINGS – Russ presented the zoning administrator's report. Board discussed planner's and attorney's interpretation of the ordinance as it relates to a property where the house was destroyed by storm, garage still remains. Owner has been informed that they have one year to rebuild the house, if not, they must remove the garage (accessory building). Larry Omo stated that he's not in agreement with that policy.

LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT – JOE JEPSON – Joe Jepson delivered the fire department report. Informed members and guests that the new firetruck has been ordered. Shelly recommended that they work through Greg to post the firetruck through the MTA.

## PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Joe Jepson had a question regarding signs. Board members informed him that he should get with Russ Jennings, Zoning Administrator.

### 1. OLD BUSINESS

- A. POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR PRIVATE ROAD BLOCKAGE – Robbi Omo made a motion to accept the policy as written, supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR ACCOUNT DEFICITS ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS. Robbi Omo requested that this be tabled until next month's meeting.

### 2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION 2019-8-12A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR SHADY OAKS AQUATIC WEED CONTROL. Greg Gemmill submitted resolution to establish a special assessment district for aquatic weed management for the channels and lakefront in Shady Oaks sub-division, subdivision 2, sub-division 3, sub-division 4, and sub-division 5. Whereas a special assessment district for aquatic weed control, and an assessment roll will be established for aquatic weed control for above listed areas. The special assessment district will be defined as a 20-year period beginning at adoption. The estimated costs of the district will be \$220,399.30, spread over 20-years, and distributed among 208 properties. Annual per resident cost is \$52.98. Supported by Larry Omo. Upon roll call vote; Jim Snivley, yes; Robbi Omo, yes; Shelly AcMoody, yes; Larry Omo, yes; Greg Gemmill, yes. RESOLUTION CARRIED.
- B. RESOLUTION 2019-8-12B PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUCKEYE LANE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. Greg Gemmill submitted resolution to schedule a public hearing to establish a special assessment district for road maintenance (seal-coating) of Buckeye Lane, a private roadway. Whereas, the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing will be scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Ovid Township Hall. Supported by Jim Snivley. By roll call vote; Shelly AcMoody, yes; Larry Omo, yes; Greg Gemmill, yes; Jim Snivley, yes; Robbi Omo, yes. RESOLUTION CARRIED.
- C. JUNK VIOLATIONS REPORT – Greg Gemmill submitted a junk ordinance reports:
  - i. Jack and Carol Kipfer – 301 S. Centennial Rd – Greg Gemmill sent a letter to the property owners. The property has not been secured as requested. Greg also sent a letter to the health department issued a complaint as a public nuisance. Since this house was damaged by fire, Greg is unsure that we can pursue a junk violation.
  - ii. Joshua and Christy Walker – 523/533 Fenn Rd – Greg Gemmill made a motion that board allow him 30 days (September 1<sup>st</sup>) to clean up property, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED
  - iii. Susan Hufnagle – 371 Smith Rd. Inherited junk vehicles from another junk violation. Susan asked for 60 days. Greg Gemmill made a motion that she be

given until 8/25/19 to remove vehicles, supported by Shelly AcMoody.  
MOTION CARRIED

- iv. Lawrence Wistinghausen – 359 Treasure Cove. Has boat that is legally registered, legally plated trailer and illegal car. Car has been removed. Greg contacted the individual who made complaint, who was satisfied with the progress of cleanup. Greg made a motion to close, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.
- v. Jack and Althea Paradine – 350 Treasure Cove. Junk complaint regarding lawnmower, vehicles, etc. Greg sent a courtesy letter letting them know that they needed to remove vehicles, etc. Property has been cleaned up and brought in line with ordinance. Greg made a motion to close this case, supported by Jim Snilvey. MOTION CARRIED.
- vi. Georgia Biddy – 429 Pleasant View Dr. Some debris, old tires on lot next to this address. No one knows who it belongs to. Not pursued, per Greg.
- vii. Dawn Phillips – 529 Tompkins Dr. (Estate of Arthur and Roberta Jacobs). After efforts by current owner, Greg deemed this to be a non-issue.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

- A. Keith Bruner – had a question regarding Buckeye Lane and whose responsibility the road is in the event of an emergency.
  - B. Max Benjamin – informed the board that through some research he learned that his private road is actually on record as a public highway. Greg Gemmill explained why it's considered a public-private road. For the road commission to take responsibility for the road, it must meet specific criteria.
  - C. Becky Tomanac explained issues with her private road.
4. CORRESPONDENCE – Robbi Omo had two correspondence and Greg Gemmill shared three correspondence.
5. ADJOURN Robbi Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Larry Omo.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted by Robbi Omo, Clerk.