

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
August 8, 2016
Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Greg Gemmill at 7:30 pm

Members present: Greg Gemmill, Deputy Supervisor, Robbi Omo, Clerk, Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer, Larry Omo, Trustee, Ron Sampsel, Trustee.

Members Absent: Sue Miller, Supervisor

Also in attendance were 7 guests.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Amendments to the agenda:

Old Business - Add "D." Quick claim when discussing the Bella Vista discussion

New Business - Add "D." New printer/fax/copier machine

Sampsel motioned to approve the agenda with above amendments. Motion was supported by L Omo.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Amendments to the minutes:

Treasure Cove - Not rose lake drive

(page 3) 371 S Angola Rd. - should be 371 S. Centennial Rd.

L. Omo made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2016 Ovid Township Board meeting with amendments. Motion was supported by Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Robbi needs to reissue a check that was issued under the wrong account/amount to Andy AcMoody for an additional \$25 (less income taxes).

L. Omo motioned to approve treasures report. Sampsel supported. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS

A. Junk Complaint at 552 Warren Road - Follow Up

Letter not sent per Sue Miller's mistake, but Sampsel claims that the property is in better shape.

Sampsel made a motion that we drop the junk complaint at 552 Warren Rd. L. Omo supported.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. Junk Complaint at 371 S. Centennial Road - Follow Up

Truck style vehicles are not plated because they do not leave the property - used as farm equipment - insured, but not registered. Agreed to move un-plated junk cars into the barn.

Sampsel made a motion to close the complaint with compliance from the property owners to get the vehicles inside a building. L. Omo seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

C. BS&A Property Tax Search On-line proposal update

Greg Gemmill stated that he used the site and it is user friendly and very informative website. Shelly AcMoody stated that it's a great tool for assessors, realtors, realty closers, as well as treasurers. Sampsel questioned whether or not tax payers would use the website due to lack of knowledge about internet tools and it's availability to the public. Even if the public doesn't use it, Shelly AcMoody and Melissa, the assessor agree that it's a great quick tool for them to gather information requested by tax payers faster than before. AcMoody stated that due to the property turn-over rate in the township, it is a great reason to offer this website as a resource with frequency of calls requesting tax information and property title information. Also Ovid charges an optional processing fee on tax bills generating enough income to pay the \$3k a year fee.

L. Omo made a motion to choose option B. of the website subscription at a cost of \$3,000 to Ovid Township. R. Omo supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Planning Commission Meeting Decision about Quick Claim Deed at Bella Vista properties- Request came from lot owner that owns multiple lots that wants to transfer water use to his other lot, granted under the PUD. Attorney says quick claim deeds are not valid, and transfer cannot happen without re-opening the PUD. Planning Commission agreed to drop it which would force the property owners to approach the Board with a request to open the PUD in order to make the changes they requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. B.C.R.C. - Private Drive Maintenance

\$50/lot for county assessing at Fiesta Shores - all private roads

\$38/lot for community dues at Fiesta Shores

Two representatives of special assessment communities addresses some concerns regarding the Branch County Road Commission including remaining funds that have been paid into the special assessment, the fact that they have privately hired snow removal, and that BCRC has said that as of Oct. 1, 2016 they will no longer be servicing private roads.

Board members discussed a few points; If residents want to change to private contractor, or if the county changes the contractor to a private sector and it should be taken care of by the assessment district, but the contracts need to reflect the changes in the cost if there aren't enough fund to cover services. Private roads are last on the list of priority for snow removal, therefore the road commission could not provide the service in a timely fashion.

Larry Omo recommended that residents get separate bids on snow removal and gravel maintenance to present to the board to have special assessments fund the preventative and maintenance care that has been suspended by the BCRC.

B. Junk complaint at 549 Willow Drive

Shady Oaks - nothing to report according to Greg Gemmill

L. Omo motioned to close the complaint. AcMoody supported. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Junk complain at 434 Sycamore Beach

Accumulation of vehicles and piles of junk, neighbors complaining about boats and docks, etc. in front yard that have not been moved in several years.

Letter sent- Not present

L. Omo made a motion to follow through with notices/violation proceedings to property owners. Sampsel seconds the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

D. New Printer/Fax/Copier

Russ Jennings' desktop unit needs replaced as it has stopped working. He has also stated that the large copy machine is starting to have issues. In an effort to meet the needs of all of the township office members, it's in the best interest to replace Jennings small unit with a larger all-in-one printer/fax/copier/scanner. The Township can lease a unit from a local provider that would include toner and any required service on the unit with a cost per copy monthly charge, purchase a unit out-right that would require all toner and services to be paid for by the township, or purchase a used unit.

R. Omo motioned to table this issue until a spreadsheet comparing the costs is developed and presented at the September regular board meeting. L. Omo seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robbi Omo gave an election report for the State Primary Election on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. 479 voters, 478 ballots tabulated in Ovid Township due to one voter who over-voted the ballot and chose not to re-vote.

REPORTS:

A. Zoning- Russ Jennings presented the zoning report

B. Assessing – NONE

C. DPW- No report: Don Vrablic commented that he attended the last board meeting- one issue that was presented was baby wipes are not biodegradable - plugging up grinder pumps.

D. County Commissioner – Don Vrablic presented the county commissioner report

E. Cemetery Sexton – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Delivered by Robbi Omo:

- MI gas utilities hosting a meeting Sept 8th to set up additional meetings.
- Filled a FOIA request - also recommended putting budget on website.
- Sampsel made a motion to put it on the site. R. Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED.

In the absence of the Sexton, Robbi Omo also stated that two plots were sold in Ovid Township.

Delivered by Greg Gemmill

- One MTA pamphlet
- Consumers Energy is installing remote meters that can do away with meter readers at some point.

ADJOURNMENT: Sampsel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by L. Omo. Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk

Minutes Prepared by Samantha Ostrander, Ovid Township Deputy Clerk