



Ovid Township Hall
Branch County, Michigan
June 13, 2022
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Jeff O'Dell called meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the attendees in the Pledge to the Flag.

Members present: Jeff O'Dell, Supervisor; Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer; Amy Havasy, Clerk; Jim Snivley, Trustee; Steve Norton, Trustee

Member(s) absent: none

Others present: Kim LaSata – State Senate, Andrew Fink – State Representative, and 11 others

Approval of agenda – Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of: New Business, E Dust Control. Supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from the May 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting – Steve Norton made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report – Amy Havasy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, with the addition of a check to MTA \$3,674.00. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. By roll-call vote: Amy Havasy – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Jim Snivley – yes. PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

A. GIS SYSTEM

Based on the recommendations from Melissa Lane and Matt Ashenfelter, Jeff O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of the GIS Mapping System. Supported by Steve Norton. By roll-call vote: Jim Snivley – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes. PASSED

B. TORNADO SIREN SYSTEM

After Board discussion regarding the purchase of a tornado siren system using ARPA funding, and the notion of 'polling the public' as to the best use of the funds, Steve Norton made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on July 25, 2022, at 7PM so the residents of Ovid Township can offer ideas as to the spending of the ARPA funds available. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

Following the above motion, Amy Havasy made a motion to table the possibility of purchasing the tornado siren system until after the Special Meeting. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. JOE JEPSON LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Jepson presented the Lakeland Fire Departments budget to the Board and discussed what the 2023 fiscal year budget forecast looks like. He also made the board aware of the trend in

fire and MFR calls, the equipment that they will be looking to upgrade and/or replace, and maintenance and/or additions to the building. They may be proposing a 1-year contract with Ovid Township, upon the current contract expiration in 2023, at an increase of approximately 5%, and an additional 5% increase to the 2024 contract. There was mention of the Township providing additional support using the ARPA funds. Amy Havasy will be researching the use of the funds, to determine if the Township can aid the department.

B. SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Jeff O'Dell presented the Summer 2022 newsletter to the Board.

C. TONY ENGLISH ZBA REQUEST

In 2019, Mr. English came before the ZBA in 2019, and believes he was not treated fairly. The ZBA minutes were reviewed by the Township Supervisor regarding the matter. Based on what he reviewed, Jeff O'Dell made a motion allowing Mr. English to come back to the original project, including scheduling a new ZBA hearing – exempt from any fees, without incurring additional ZBA fees. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. By roll-call vote: Shelly AcMoody – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Steve Norton – yes. PASSED

D. ROSE LAKE FIREWORKS PERMIT

Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve the permit for July 3, 2022, fireworks. Supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

E. DUST CONTROL

Steve Norton informed the Board that Corrigan Environmental stated they will be performing the dust control spray the week of June 21, 2022, and again in September.

Reports:

1. Sheriff – No report
2. Assessing – Melissa Lane presented the Assessor's report
3. Cemetery Sexton – Amy Havasy presented the Cemetery Sexton report
4. County Commissioner – Tom Matthews presented the Commissioner's report
5. DPW – No report
6. Lakeland Fire Dept. – Joe Jepson presented the Fire Department's report
7. Marihuana Committee – Amy Havasy presented the Committee report
8. Zoning Administrator – Matt Ashenfelter presented the Zoning report

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Public comment began at 8:09 PM. Comments received from 5 person(s). Comments ended at 8:40 PM.

Correspondence:

Jeff O'Dell stated that he had 0 correspondence.

Amy Havasy stated that she had 1 correspondence.

Shelly AcMoody stated that she had 1 correspondence.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jim Snivley, supported by Amy Havasy. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Havasy, Clerk