



Ovid Township Hall
Branch County, Michigan
August 8, 2022
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Jeff O'Dell called meeting to order at 7 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: 6 others

Approval of agenda – Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve the agenda. Supported by Amy Havasy. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from the July 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting – Amy Havasy made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, with a correction to the Treasurer's Report – removing payment to Coldwater Media in the amount of \$157.40. This was already paid in July's check run. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes from the July 25, 2022, Special Meeting – Jim Snivley made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 25, 2022, Special 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: 4 Checks for the Planning Commission members for the August 9, 2022 meeting, totaling \$450.00. 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

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 597 SOUTH ANGOLA RD

Steve Norton made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit based on the Planning Commission's recommendation. Supported By Jeff O'Dell. By roll-call vote: Jim Snivley – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Amy Havasy – yes. PASSED

B. MASTER PLAN OVID TOWNSHIP

Jeff O'Dell made a motion to send the Master Plan back to the Planning Commission to have the following corrections done, then having a Final Draft submitted to the Board for a vote:

1. Acknowledgements page: Spelling changed from 'Amy Havasay' to 'Amy Havasy'.

2. Page 12: Add a 5th Cemetery for the Township – Union Cemetery, location - Old section of Lockwood Cemetery on Lockwood Road.
 3. Page 24 under Electrical Service: change the sentence ‘Most of the customers in Ovid Township are serviced by a substation in Kinderhook Township’ to ‘Most of the customers in Ovid Township are serviced by the Kinderhook Township Substation located in Ovid Township’.
 4. Page 32 under Objectives: first item, change the spelling of ‘Streer’ to ‘Street’ - last item, change the spelling of ‘Continnually’ to ‘Continually’.
 5. Page 49: Removing the entire section relating to Non-Motorized Transportation.
 6. Page 54: Remove the following Project priority listings – a) Prioritize routes within the Township for non-motorized infrastructure and b) Determine the type of non-motorized infrastructure best suited for each recommended route.
Supported by Shelly AcMoody. By roll-call vote: Jeff O’Dell – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes. PASSED
- C. ORDINANCE UPDATE
- Steve Norton made a motion to send the Ordinance Update Resolution back to the Planning Commission to have the following correction done, then having a Final Draft submitted to the Board for a vote:
- Page 9: Under G. General Sign Provisions, Item 2 – Removing the sentence ‘All signs shall have a surface or facing of noncombustible material’.
- Supported by Jeff O’Dell. By roll-call vote: Steve Norton – yes, Jeff O’Dell – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Jim Snivley – yes. PASSED
- D. ELECTION RESULTS
- Amy Havasy reported the August 2, 2022, Election Results. Voter turnout was 691, with 274 voting by absentee ballot. The library millage passed 324 to 264.
- E. TAX ROLL PREPERATION
- Jeff O’Dell received a letter from the Branch County Treasurer’s Office stating that they will no longer be producing the Summer or Winter Tax Roll for Ovid Township, beginning with the Winter 2022 roll. In a conversation with Steve Rutz, County Treasurer, he stated that producing the roll is not their statutory duty, that it is the Duty of the Townships Assessor. Melissa Lane, Assessor, is working with Ovid Township and Coldwater Township to determine what is necessary for her to do to accomplish producing the Township’s Tax Roll. Melissa Lane has stated in the past that she needs to replace the computer she currently uses for the BSA Assessing module, and now the Tax module. Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve allocation of \$5,000.00 for a new Computer, and other expenses deemed necessary, for the Assessor. Supported by Steve Norton. By roll-call vote: Shelly AcMoody – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Jeff O’Dell – yes. PASSED

Reports:

1. Sheriff – No report
2. Assessing – Melissa Lane presented the Assessor’s report
3. Cemetery Sexton – No report
4. County Commissioner – Jeff O’Dell presented the Commissioner’s report
5. DPW – No report
6. Lakeland Fire Dept. – No Report
7. Marihuana Committee – No Report
8. Zoning Administrator – Matt Ashenfelter presented the Zoning report

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Public comment began at 8:35 PM. Comments received from 3 person(s).

Becky Tomanek – wondered why the Board cannot discuss things that were discussed in the Meeting prior to the meeting. It was explained to her that all discussion must be in a public forum, and that the Board meeting is our working meeting. She was interested in whether or not the Township was going to honor the current Special Assessment for Melody Shores road work. Jeff O’Dell explained that the Township is not stopping any current assessments, it is just not taking on any new assessments. Shelly AcMoody informed her that the last collection for the current assessment will be on the Winter 2023 tax roll and is good for the 2024 season.

Jim Hoffman is interested in a permit for the reduction in Canadian geese. As the Township is not confident in how this needs to be addressed, more information will be gathered, and Mr. Hoffman will return to the Board at a later date. He also asked the Board if we knew of any other options to finance private road work.

Max Benjamin informed the Board that he heard it is not an issue for the Township to cover private road work expenses, to be reimbursed to the Township by a check from an Association. Jeff O’Dell stated that this is not an option.

Jeff O’Dell received a letter of resignation from Theresa Collins, resigning from the Board of Review, effective immediately.

Comments ended at 9:08 PM.

Correspondence:

Jeff O’Dell stated that he had 2 correspondence.

Amy Havasy stated that she had 0 correspondence.

Shelly AcMoody stated that she had 0 correspondence.

Motion to Adjourn made by Steve Norton. Supported by Jim Snivley. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Havasy, Clerk