



Ovid Township Hall
Branch County, Michigan
March 13, 2023
Public Hearing – Budget 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: 10 others

Approval of agenda – Motion to approve the agenda made by Amy Havasy, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. READING OF THE 2023 – 2024 BUDGET

Jeff O’Dell presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024. Read by Shelly AcMoody.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 7:05 PM. Comments received from 1 person(s). Comments ended at 7:08 PM.

Joe Jepson asked who was involved in setting the budget. He was informed that it was mainly the Treasurer and Clerk, but that the Board reviews the budget in workshops.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING – Amy Havasy made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 7:08 PM. Supported by Jeff O’Dell. MOTION CARRIED

Ovid Township Hall
Branch County, Michigan
March 13, 2023
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Jeff O'Dell called meeting to order at 7:09 PM, directly following the Public Hearing, 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: 11 Others

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

Approval of minutes from the February 13 2023, Regular Board Meeting – Jim Snivley made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, with a correction to: Public Comment – removing “Mr.” and adding “Brian Walker” to the last item. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurers Report – Jeff O'Dell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Supported by Jim Snivley. By roll-call vote: Jim Snivley – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Amy Havasy – yes PASSED

Reports:

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. CHART OF ACCOUNTS

Jeff O'Dell made a motion to approve the conversion of the Chart of Accounts by the Township's Auditors. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. By roll-call vote: Amy Havasy – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes. PASSED

B. LAKELAND FIRE EQUIPMENT

Jeff O'Dell is working with Wayne Barnes, Kinderhook Township Supervisor, regarding equipment for Lakeland Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONTRACTING BRANCH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jeff O'Dell presented the Board with information relating to contracting with the Branch County Sheriff's Department for additional patrols in the Township. Jeff O'Dell made a motion to table further discussion until more information is received. Supported by Amy Havasy. MOTION CARRIED

B. ZBA BOARD

Jeff O'Dell made a motion to accept the resignation of Max Benjamin from the ZBA alternate position. 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

Jeff Odell made a motion to appoint Trayh Harvey to the position of ZBA alternate.

Supported by Steve Norton. By roll-call vote: Shelly AcMoody – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Amy Havasy – yes. PASSED

C. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13A – TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Amy Havasy made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13A as presented. Supported by Jim Snivley. By roll-call vote: Jim Snivley – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes. PASSED

D. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13B – TIME & DATE FOR BOARD MEETINGS

Jeff O'Dell made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13B as presented. Supported by Jim Snivley. By roll-call vote: Jeff O'Dell – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Amy Havasy – yes. PASSED

E. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13C – SUPERVISOR SALARY

Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13C as presented. Supported by Amy Havasy. By roll-call vote: Steve Norton – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Jeff O'Dell – present. PASSED

F. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13D – TREASURER SALARY

Steve Norton made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13D as presented. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. By roll-call vote: Jeff O'Dell – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Shelly AcMoody – abstain. PASSED

G. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13E – CLERK SALARY

Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13E as presented. Supported by Jim Snivley. By roll-call vote: Steve Norton – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Amy Havasy – abstain. PASSED

H. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13F – ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SALARY

Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13F as presented. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. By roll-call vote: Jim Snivley – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes. PASSED

I. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13G – DEPUTY SALARY HOURLY

Amy Havasy made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13G as presented. Supported by Shelly AcMoody. By roll-call vote: Shelly AcMoody – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Steve Norton – yes. PASSED

J. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13H – PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR & SECRETARY COMENSATION

Jim Snivley made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13H as presented. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. By roll-call vote: Amy Havasy – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Shelly AcMoody – present, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Steve Norton – yes. PASSED

K. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13I – ELECTION CHAIRPERSON COMPENSATION

Shelly AcMoody made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13I as presented. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. By roll-call vote: Steve Norton – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes. PASSED

L. 2023 COMPENSATION TABLE

Amy Havasy presented the Compensation Table for 2023, and made a motion to approve as presented. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. By roll-call vote: Jeff O'Dell – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Steve Norton – yes. PASSED

M. RESOLUTION 2023-3-13J – ROAD COMMISSION

Jeff O'Dell made a motion to approve resolution 2023-3-13J as presented. Supported by Jim Snivley. By roll-call vote: Jeff O'Dell – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Shelly AcMoody – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Amy Havasy – yes. PASSED

N. FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

Joe Jepson presented a 1-year contract, effective date 4/1/2023 – 3/31/2024, for Lakeland Fire Department. Shelly AcMoody made motion to accept the contract as presented. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. By roll-call vote: Shelly AcMoody – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Jim Snivley – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Steve Norton – yes. PASSED

O. DUST CONTROL

Steve Norton presented the service program for dust control by Corrigan Environmental Solutions. After discussion, the Board elected not to pre-pay for the service. Jim Snivley made a motion to accept the service program as presented. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. By roll-call vote: Shelly AcMoody – yes, Amy Havasy – yes, Steve Norton – yes, Jeff O'Dell – yes, Jim Snivley – yes. PASSED

Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Public comment began at 8:37 PM. Comments received from 2 person(s). Public Comment ended at 8:51 PM.

Jim Haylett feels the solar panel 500' setback on the east side of his property should be measured from the accessory building that houses his wood burner. Matt Ashenfelter stated that the ordinance specifies that setbacks are measured from the dwelling.

Joe Jepson feels the 4% salary increase was not sufficient. He also recommended that the yearly maintenance for the generator is scheduled.

Correspondence:

Jeff O'Dell stated that he had 1 correspondence.

Amy Havasy stated that she had 0 correspondence.

Shelly AcMoody stated that she had 1 correspondence.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jim Snivley. Supported by Jeff O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Havasy, Clerk