



OID TOWNSHIP

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SUPERVISOR: Jennings C. West
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TREASURER: Nancy J. Hughson

TRUSTEES: Patricia Hibbard
Bobby Byles

PROPOSED MINUTES OF OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 22, 2024

The regular Board Meeting of the Ovid Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Supervisor with the Pledge to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy J. Hughson, Trustee Patricia Hibbard, Trustee Bobby Byles

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Keith Jones, Woody Woodworth, Lionel Olson, Deb Parker, Karen Schafer, Tim Fair, Bob Meredith, August Arnett, Nicole Fickes, Connie Kioski, Gary Kioski, Gary Criner, Robert Sauer,

AGENDA:

Moved by Trustee Pat to approve the Agenda, as submitted, Seconded by Trustee Bobby. All in favor, Motion carried.

PROPOSED MINUTES FROM JULY 25, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

Moved by Trustee Pat that we approve the July 25, 2024, minutes, as submitted, Seconded by Treasurer Nancy. All in favor, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Nancy provided the Board with the July 2024 financials, the July monthly income received report, bank balances, along with the supporting bank statements as of July 31, 2024, and the corresponding bank reconciliations for each month's bank statement.

Huntington Bank Account Balances:

General Fund bank balance is \$207,239.35

Payroll account balance is \$1,582.45

Delinquent Property bank balance is \$493.47

Michigan Class:

General Fund is \$250,789.44

Emergency Services is \$138,281.08

ARPA – \$85,597.66

Tax Account – \$15,062.58

Mercantile Bank Account Balances:

Emergency Services account is \$53,262.36

ARPA Account is \$40,349.01

Journey Federal Credit Union Balances:

Tax account balance is \$6,115.85

Cemetery account balance is \$53,368.91

Also in the Board's packet is a copy of the Ovid Township Tax Recap so far.

Moved by Trustee Pat to approve the Treasurer's report, as submitted, subject to audit, Seconded by Trustee Bobby. All in favor, Motion carried.

AMEND AND APPROVE BUDGET:

Moved by Clerk Claudia that we amend and approve the budget for GL # 101-215-940, Postage – Clerk – \$4; GL # 101-262-940, Postage – Elections – \$464; GL # 101-253-940, Postage – Treasurer – \$316, for a total of \$784, from unallocated funds, to cover the amount over budget, Seconded by Trustee Pat. All in favor, Motion carried.

CLERK/BILLS - FOR APPROVAL:

Clerk Claudia supplied the Board with the Check Disbursement Report for this month's meeting.

The following are the banks and check numbers for approval:

Huntington Bank – Preauthorized by policy and approval, Check Numbers 11514-11520 and Check Numbers 11521-11525. Payroll Check Numbers 11526-11535.

Mercantile Bank – EMS – Check Numbers 1095-1096, and **Journey Federal Credit**

Union – Cemetery – Preauthorized by policy and approval, Check Number 1037-1039.

The total for approval is \$71,345.33.

Also included in the Board's packet is an updated Check Disbursement Report from last month, June 28, 2024 – July 25, 2024.

Moved by Trustee Pat to approve the Clerk's check disbursement report, Seconded by Trustee Bobby.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Treasurer Nancy Hughson – **Yes**

Trustee Patricia Hibbard – **Yes**

Supervisor Jennings West – **Yes**

Trustee Bobby Byles – **Yes**

Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger – **Yes**

All in favor, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Fair, President & CEO – Clinton County Catalyst –

Deb Parker, Karen Schafer, Grant Writers:

Mr. Fair explained Clinton County Catalyst (C3) is a nonprofit, public-private organization dedicated to enhancing the economic vitality of Clinton County. They are fully funded by their membership, which includes businesses, educational institutions and municipalities. They are governed by their Executive Board, which is comprised of investors throughout Clinton County and Mid-Michigan. The benefits program offers different levels of investment. Mr. Fair talked about a few of the local businesses they have worked with or are working with now.

Ovid Township – L-4029:

Moved by Clerk Claudia to accept Ovid Township's L-4029, Seconded by Trustee Pat.
All in favor, Motion carried.

Township Blue Chairs:

Board discussion as to what should be done with the old blue boardroom chairs.

Moved by Trustee Bobby to give the blue chairs to Clinton Area Ambulance, Seconded by Trustee Pat.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Treasurer Nancy Hughson – **Yes**

Trustee Patricia Hibbard – **Yes**

Supervisor Jennings West – **Yes**

Trustee Bobby Byles – **Yes**

Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger – **Yes**

All in favor, Motion carried.

South Ovid Cemetery – Bench Placement:

Treasurer Nancy reported she received a call inquiring if a bench could be placed over a grave at South Ovid Cemetery. Board discussion.

Moved by Trustee Pat that we allow a bench if the proper foundation is put down, Seconded by Treasurer Nancy.

We will look at our Ordinance and see exactly what it states.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Treasurer Nancy Hughson – **Yes**

Trustee Patricia Hibbard – **Yes**

Supervisor Jennings West – **Yes**

Trustee Bobby Byles – **Yes**

Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger – **Yes**

All in favor, Motion carried.

South Ovid Cemetery – Lot Buyback:

Board discussion.

Moved by Trustee Bobby that we allow the lot buyback at fifty percent (50%) of their original cost, Seconded by Trustee Pat. All in favor, Motion carried.

We will look at our Ordinance for this also, and see exactly what it states.

Ovid Township Hall – Painting – Lucas Painting & Wallcoverings – \$9,655:

Board discussion regarding the painting bid we received from Lucas Painting & Wallcoverings.

Moved by Trustee Bobby that we contract with Lucas Painting and Wallcoverings for painting the hall at the cost of \$9,655, using ARPA funds, Seconded by Trustee Pat.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger – **Yes**

Trustee Bobby Byles – **Yes**

Supervisor Jennings West – **Yes**

Trustee Patricia Hibbard – **Yes**

Treasurer Nancy Hughson – **Yes**

All in favor, Motion carried.

Vector – IT Information (Tyler Samp):

The Clerk and Treasurer met with Tyler Samp from Vector, an IT company. They are located in Michigan, and we would have one-on-one contact with them. The current company we have, VC3, is now in Georgia. Board discussion regarding the information we received from Vector. The cost would be approximately \$376 per month. We are paying VC3 \$3,495 annually, and it goes up every year.

Moved by Trustee Pat that we contract with Vector for our IT services, Seconded by Trustee Bobby.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Treasurer Nancy Hughson – **Yes**

Trustee Patricia Hibbard – **Yes**

Supervisor Jennings West – **Yes**

Trustee Bobby Byles – **Yes**

Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger – **Yes**

All in favor, Motion carried.

Reports and Updates Presented:

- Library – Trustee Patricia Hibbard
- OMESA – Treasurer Nancy Hughson
- CAASA – Supervisor Jennings West

NOTE: Board members received Library, OMESA & CAASA documents, via email, from the Board members who are on those boards.

- **Assessor's Report – Peggy Lidgard – via email**

Public comments opened at 8:30 p.m.

Keith Jones

August Arnett

Nicole Fickes

Bob Meredith

Woody Woodworth

Public comments closed at 8:39 p.m.

Information regarding South Ovid Cemetery was discussed during public comments.

Board Comments:

Trustee Bobby commented he is working on getting audio information and prices. He is also going to be looking into different flooring.

Board Comments and Public Comments continuing back and forth.

The Par Plan grant was discussed regarding projects to be done.

Supervisor Jennings adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk