



OVID TOWNSHIP

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Board Meeting Agenda – Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2024 (Tab 1)

Treasurer's Financial Report & Bank Reconciliations – For Approval (Tab 2)

Clerk's Check Disbursement Report – For Approval (Tab 3)

New Business –

Rescue Me LawnCare, Three-Year Contract (2025-2027)

Attorney Contract – Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, PC (Laura J. Genovich)

MaLissa Schutt, Clinton Transit (7:45 pm)

Reports –

Sheriff Representative – Deputy Greg Spitler

Library – Trustee Patricia Hibbard

OMESA – Treasurer Nancy Hughson

CAASA – Supervisor Jennings West

County Commissioner – Val Vail-Shirey

Assessor – Peggy Lidgard

Public Comments

Board Comments

Adjournment



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PROPOSED MINUTES OF OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – JUNE 27, 2024

The regular Board Meeting of the Ovid Township Board was called to order at 6:59 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, Maurice Woodworth, John Daniel, Kurt Wolf, Nicole Fickes, Bob Meredith, August Arnett, Connie Kioski, Gary Kioski, Val Vail-Shirey, Gary Criner, MaLissa Schutt, Jack Phillips, Clinton Transit (Joined at 7:17 p.m.)

AGENDA:

Moved by Trustee Pat to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Treasurer Nancy. All in favor, Motion carried.

PROPOSED MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

Moved by Trustee Pat that we approve the May 23, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Treasurer Nancy. All in favor, Motion carried.

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PROCEEDINGS OF OLD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING - JUNE 1, 2024

The Old Township Board meeting of the Old Township Board was held on June 1, 2024, at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Old Township, New Jersey.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor ...
Council Members ...
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AGENDA:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. ...
4. ...
5. ...

RESOLUTIONS:

1. ...
2. ...
3. ...

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Huntington Bank Account Balances:

General Fund bank balance is \$191,518.58

Payroll account balance is \$4,785.99

Delinquent Property bank balance is \$493.47

Michigan Class:

General Fund is \$248,543.85

Emergency Services is \$137,042.90

ARPA – \$126,857.74

Mercantile Bank Account Balances:

Emergency Services account is \$53,305.91

ARPA Account is \$40,332.16

Journey Federal Credit Union Balances:

Tax account balance is \$789.67

Cemetery account balance is \$13,568.91

Moved by Trustee Pat to approve the Treasurer's report, as submitted, subject to audit, Seconded by Trustee Bobby. 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 11469-11476 and Check Numbers 11477-11484. Payroll Check Numbers 11485-11493.

Mercantile Bank – EMS – Check Number 1093, and **Journey Federal Credit Union – Cemetery** – Preauthorized by policy and approval, Check Number 1035.

The total for approval is \$12,739.52.

Moved by Trustee Pat to approve the Clerk's check disbursement report, Seconded by Trustee Bobby. All in favor, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rescue Me LawnCare, Three-Year Contract (2025-2027):

Moved by Clerk Claudia that we accept the three-year contract from Rescue Me LawnCare for the same rate we are paying now, 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.

Ovid Township Attorney – Contract:

Moved by Trustee Pat that we approve the Clerk signing the contract with the Foster Swift law firm, 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.

**MaLissa Schutt, Executive Director, Clinton Transit and
Jack Phillips, Board Vice Chairperson:**

Jack Phillips gave a presentation on Clinton Transit. There is a millage proposal on the August 6, 2024, ballot to renew funding for The Blue Bus. Clinton Transit conducts 72,000 trips per year with 43% employment, 27% medical visits, 10% recreation and 8-10% for errands. Ridership has increased by 40% over pre-Covid numbers. Clinton Transit has shifted their business model from moving buses to moving people. They are continuously engaging the public to know their needs.

MaLissa Schutt reported that the service has seen an increase of 4% in ridership from Ovid Township residents. The Blue Bus is focused on meeting the needs of the community. According to a survey that was done, people would like to see Saturday services expanded, Sunday services made available, and services similar to Uber to be available to them. Clinton Transit is working to offer these services. Currently they offer regular rides to DeWitt, Lansing, and basically anywhere in Ingham County.

Some of the rider uses are listed below:

- 43% of rides are for employment transportation
- 24% of rides are for medical care
- 36% of rides are for shopping
- 15% of rides are for education
- 37% of rides are for seniors

- 63% of rides are regular riders
- Veterans ride for free.
- Free rides to the polls for early voting and on Election Day.
- Millage renewal on the August 6, 2024, Primary Election Ballot.
The .70 mill proposal includes a reduced millage rate of .6924 mill for the levy that expires in 2024, along with a new .0076 millage that restores the rate reduction, a consequence of the 1978 Headlee Amendment.
- More information can be found on mybluebus.com

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.

- County Commissioner’s Report – Val Vail-Shirey
 - The Planning Commission will be working on updating several Ordinances. There will be a Public Hearing on July 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 - The Board of Commissioners will be meeting on July 18 at 9 a.m.
 - Regarding the Stand-Alone Battery Storage, there will be a Public Hearing on July 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 - They are working on the budget and County employee wages.

Public Comments:

Public comments opened at 7:46 p.m.

Public comments closed at 7:52 p.m.

Nicole Fickes introduced herself as a Republican candidate running for Clinton County Commissioner in District 1. Nicole has worked with the Clinton County Broadband Taskforce and the Victor Township Planning Commission. She has a Bachelors and Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University.

Kurt Wolf is a Republican write-in candidate for Ovid Township Trustee. He is the Executive Director of the Clinton County Conservation District in St. Johns. He is also the owner/operator of Precious Treasures Childcare in Ovid Township.

Board Comments:

Treasurer Nancy talked about cyber threats and bank security. We will be checking into this further.

Supervisor Jennings commented CAASA is working on revising their Articles of Incorporation.

Supervisor Jennings adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk