

**OVID TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
November 5, 2015**

Administrative Offices (a.k.a. Ovid Township Hall)
1015 Baese Ct.
Ovid, MI 48866

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Greg Palen with Pledge to the Flag. Roll call found the following members present: Supervisor Greg Palen, Clerk Michelle Robinson, Treasurer Casie Chunko, Trustee Randy Montague, and Trustee Nancy Hughson. Absent: none. Also present: approximately seven visitors.

AGENDA: Moved by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague to approve agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

MINUTES: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 regular meeting with the revision of Treasurer Chunko calling the meeting to order, not Mr. Palen. **Motion carried.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Move \$261.00 from unallocated funds to Insurance (299-804). **Moved** by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague with amendments noted. **Motion carried**

FINANCIAL REPORT: The treasurer is gearing up to send out winter taxes which are slated to go out the week after Thanksgiving. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Montague to approve the Treasurer's Report after review and approval of the bank statements, subject to audit, and place on file showing the following account balances: General Fund Checking \$314,051.56; Tax Deposit Account \$43,999.81; Tax Disbursement Account \$388.52; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$311.04 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

BILLS: Moved by Hughson, **seconded** by Montague to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9541 through #9565 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEES:

CEMETERY: The meeting with Brian Long (at hospital) regarding what was not done by the contractors at grounds went well. The hospital has agreed to pay the cost of having the work done. The board spoke of raising the appropriation fee due to Middlebury Township not participating in the cemetery. The raise in appropriation will help cover the deficit they have been facing.

OMESA: The Fire department had nine runs for October bringing the year to date number to 100. The Ambulance had 48 runs (27 BLS, 21 ALS, and 10 non-transport) bringing their year to date total to 406. The Finance committee is meeting to finalize the 2016 budget. They are looking to reduce some line items as the Authority is now \$10,000 better than last year. Collections at Ovid Healthcare are going well. The new fire truck purchase has gone through for \$199,900 (\$235K was transferred to the Capital Outlay fund for the purchase). The truck is a brand new showroom demo model. The balance of the \$235,000 will be used for ancillary needs on the truck – stickers, gear, etc. This truck will replace the truck which has a six-man cab but there is no “in-service” date for it quite yet.

ASSESSOR – DIANE DOWLER: The download is being delivered to the County for balancing to winter taxes may be run and sent. All splits have been processed and delivered to the County. The County is holding Assessor training next week to which Diane will be attending. The Consumer Price Index for next year has been released and it is at a flat .3%.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAM WASHBURN: The County received an annual recycling grant for Spring recycling which means that more tires for scrap can be taken in at no cost to the recycler! The 2016

budget has been approved at \$21 million. It flat-lined from last year, and with a \$.3% percent increase in the CPI it's a good thing. Home sales in the county seem to be getting better – just not making much of a difference yet. Dr. Porter has once again been appointed County Medical Inspector, this is a three-year term. The West side of Motz Park had a Goose hunt drawing a few weeks back as there is a very bad geese problem at that end of the park. As soon as these bids were let the County started getting calls from “Geese Peace” protesting the hunt.

HALL RENTAL REQUEST: Mr. Mark Holly has requested the rental of the Ovid Township Hall for Assessor Training in January (two days). The training is through the County and is used as continuing education credits of sorts for the Assessors. Mr. Holly would like Ovid Township placed in the yearly rotation to host these meetings. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Chunko to approve the rental request and waive the normal rental fee as this is a continuing ed class. **Motion carried.**

PROPANE QUOTE: **Moved** by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague to approve the lock-in proposed rate (\$1.159/gal) for the 2016-17 winter season from Applebee Oil and Propane. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Discussion regarding Ovid Village to City vote, Chloride and grading on Upton Road (small section off Parks and Taft Roads), and the preliminary ride along with the County Road Commission to plan for next years road projects were all discussed.

BOARD COMMENTS: The Clerk brought the board up-to-date on Tuesdays election in which the Village's status was changed to a City. Snowplow bids are out now and will be opened at our regular December meeting.

Adjourn 8:26 p.m. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Chunko. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk

Gregory Palen, Supervisor