

**OVID TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
June 4, 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 8 visitors.

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

MINUTES: Moved by Hughson, **seconded** by Montague to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 regular meeting. **Motion carried.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko with two amendments: Move \$1,867.84 from unallocated funds to 265-930 Hall Repair; Move \$34.44 from unallocated fund to 299-802 MTA Dues. **Motion carried**

FINANCIAL REPORT: 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 \$448,988.23; Tax Deposit Account \$458.40; Tax Disbursement Account \$14,268.99; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$506.10 (see attached). Summer tax bills are slated to be mailed the beginning of July, with Treasurer collection hours to begin the following week. Short newsletter will be distributed and the board discussed the more effective and economical method for distribution ensuring that every resident receives access to a copy. The yearly audit has been completed. **Motion carried.**

BILLS: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9457 through #9467 totaling \$11,356.48 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEES:

CEMETERY: Prior to Memorial Day festivities Maple Grove Cemetery was vandalized. Persons took veteran flags leaving the sticks and some brass markers were also taken. The township will be ordering two gross of new flags and two dozen new markers so there is enough for replacement next year.

OMESA: The Village has now completed the internet change over to DayStarr this will result in a \$20-30 a month savings for OMESA. The Fire Department was awarded a grant of \$1,800 and the board is currently researching what to do with this monies as the two new radios are now slightly higher than anticipated at a cost of \$2,300 each. The board decided to take \$100,000 from their general fund and invest in a CD with a minimum term of 12 months, maximum 15 months. This should not hamper money flow as there are a few CD's that mature before this one will freeing up some funds. The Finance Committee meeting had to be rescheduled due to a conflict, alternate dates are being explored. The audit is complete and the board just needs to review.

DEPUTY GUTE: For March, April and May in Clinton County there were 220 events: 82 traffic, 1 home invasion, 2 domestic, 1 drunk driving, 1 drug offense.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAM WASHBURN: The new 911 tower at the SE end of the county is being worked on, this is to be located on Claude Vail's property. Soon there will be exploration of one on the north end of the county. The hold up of the one on the SE end was due to neighbors complaining they had not

been as involved in this decision as some may have liked so they tower position has been relocated with the physical position slightly further from the residence. This means the entire process has to be redone with completion targeted within the year. The 911 surcharge that all residents pay funds these towers. The County recently recognized “Bing” Barks for 48 years of service (retired May 1, 2015). Mr. Barks will continue on as Olive Township Supervisor. The new roof on the Quonset Hut at the fairgrounds will be completed by mid July before this years fair. The County recently signed on with the Clinton Post Secondary program by RESA. This program will look at a 2-year degree trade school. The program will also track all college students especially those that do not complete and why that occurred. Other organizations are also involved in this and will be part of the Counties Economic Development program.

ASSESSOR – DIANE DOWLER: During the next few weeks reappraisals for Section 25 will be performed with represents the last section in the township to be reappraised. Then Ms. Dowler will be tackling the Village properties. Please continue to welcome her on your properties and ask her any questions you may have concern with.

DRU MITCHELL – CLINTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The Brownfield funds from 2010 are exhausted with \$500,000 new monies now available with the Lansing Economic Development in charge of these new funds. There are currently six serious leads in Clinton County with two other less serious. The CCED will be working with Baker College to offer a CDL truck driver class as 100 new positions in Northern Clinton and Southern Gratiot Counties will be opening this next year. Ms. Mitchell also discussed the CSPN program which will assist our children in being more successful with post education goals. They would like to increase the number of families applying for the FAFSA and institute mentoring programs within schools and programs of study. Bylaws of this organization have also been recently revised.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Discussion regarding where we stand with the CERT program is. There is now a new sign at South Ovid Cemetery along with a retractable flag pole. Mr. Givens wanted to thank the township board for yet another successful Memorial Day on behalf of Middlebury Township and the Lions Club. He has personally received many good comments regarding the changes implemented.

BOARD COMMENTS: Clerk Robinson requested help this next weekend on the key swap and hall inspection in between renters.

Adjorn 8:45 p.m. **Moved** by Chunko. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk

Gregory Palen, Supervisor