



OVID TOWNSHIP
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PROPOSED MINUTES OF OVID TOWNSHIP MEETING - JULY 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ovid Township Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Clerk with Pledge to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Gregory Palen, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustees Arlene Pesik and Jennings West

ALSO PRESENT:

Harold Plattenberg, Kam Washburn, Eric White, Sheila Moore, Mark Holley

AGENDA:

Agenda reviewed by Board. Moved by Nancy to approve the agenda as printed, Seconded by Jennings. All in favor, Motion carried.

PROPOSED MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2020:

Proposed June 11, 2020, minutes reviewed by the Board.
Moved by Jennings that we accept the minutes of the June 11, 2020, board meeting, as printed, Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nancy presented the Board with the bank balances, along with the supporting bank statements and Michigan Class Statements as of June 30, 2020, as well as the corresponding bank reconciliations for each month's bank statement.

Huntington Bank Account Balances:

General Fund bank balance is \$239,513.30.

Tax account bank balance is \$0.00.

Delinquent Property Tax account balance is \$184.84.

Payroll account balance is \$20,473.03.

Michigan Class investment account balances:

General Fund is \$132,435.00.

Tax Account is \$0.00.

Emergency Services account is \$36,753.74.

Mercantile Bank Emergency Services Account is \$47,062.28.

Journey Federal Credit Union Balances:

Cemetery Account - \$0.00

Tax Account - \$1,000.00

Nancy stated last month we had \$5 in each account, which Journey Federal Credit Union put in to open the accounts. We don't account for that in our system.

Nancy explained we have a situation with a taxpayer on Taft Road who paid their winter taxes using ACI. That bank account was closed, so the payment never came to us. The taxpayer was not aware their taxes weren't paid until around February. They called their credit card company, and couldn't get anywhere with them because it had been too long. Nancy called ACI several times and talked to a lot of people to no avail. Finally, a few weeks ago she called again, and found someone able to somewhat help.

The problem is the taxpayer owes \$78.10 in interest and penalties, and they are not willing to pay that because they don't feel it's their fault. We don't feel it's our fault, and ACI doesn't feel it's their fault because there's another company it goes through.

Nancy wondered if we could pay the \$78.10 through admin fees or interest that we've generated. The taxpayers are not willing to pay any of it, not even half. They don't feel Ovid Township should treat them this way. Nancy explained it was not Ovid

Township's fault. They finally received some of their money back from ACI and then the rest later. Supervisor Palen thought it could be paid through admin fees or the interest. Board discussion. We will check further on which fund to pay it out of, or how we should proceed with this particular situation.

Moved by Arlene that we pay the \$78.10 out of admin fees or interest, Seconded by Supervisor Palen. All in favor, Motion carried.

Nancy stated we have collected \$42,000 in taxes.

Moved by Jennings that we accept the report from the Treasurer, as presented, bank statements, and all reconciliations included for review, subject to audit, Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

CLERK/BILLS - FOR APPROVAL:

Claudia presented the Check Disbursement Reports from Huntington Bank and Mercantile Bank Emergency Services for approval, and the Revenue and Expenditure Report ending 06/31/2020 for review –

Huntington Bank, check numbers 10758-10769, payroll check numbers 179-185 and EFT, totaling \$8,996.56.

Mercantile Bank Emergency Services, check number 1033, totaling \$44.04.

Total expenditures from Huntington Bank and Mercantile Bank was \$9,040.60.

Moved by Jennings to approve the clerk's reports, and payment of all checks from Huntington Bank and Mercantile Bank, Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheila Moore, MPH, Environmental Health Educator, Mid-Michigan District Health Department:

Sheila provided us with a brochure and information regarding testing your well water, information about septic systems. She did have a PowerPoint presentation planned, but that didn't work out. She listed a couple websites to go to for more information and everything she talked about, which one site is how you can be SepticSmart, www.epa.gov/septicmart, and the other is the Clinton Conservation District website.

Ovid Township L-4029:

Clerk stated when we received the L-4029 from the Assessor, we didn't act on it. Supervisor Palen explained this is a report that goes to the County Commissioners every year, and we approve it.

Moved by Claudia that we approve the L-4029, Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

Moles:

Marshall, Maximum Pride, spoke to Claudia about the moles in the front by the road and how hard it was when he was mowing over that area. He said they are getting worse. Board discussion. Claudia has a name of someone who will take care of the moles, and she will call him.

Email from Township Resident:

We received an email from a resident regarding noise disturbance from her neighbors. The first incident was in May with numerous gunshots and explosions. In June, the same thing went on again for hours. The explosions were so loud this time that it rattled three houses. They called the Clinton County Sheriff's Department. After investigating it further, the Deputy stopped at their home and told them it was a bachelor party, and was a one-time event. It has happened again since that bachelor party. She would like clarification on an ordinance pertaining to firearms and noise.

Supervisor Palen commented he did talk to her. He will take her email and go to the County and check further on this. It may fall under zoning.

Public comments/discussion regarding the roads in the Township and work being done.
Discussion continued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2020 Census:

Supervisor Palen commented we will check with Deb next month on the status of the Census. Harold Plattenberg commented the Census training will begin on the 14th. He will be trained as a supervisor. Hopefully the Census will start back up in August, depending what COVID phase we might be in.

Laptop for Clerk:

Clerk talked to Jason at New Look Computer. At this time he cannot really give a quote because when he gets one or two in, they are gone immediately. The COVID situation has made it difficult to get computers and parts. He said it would be best to tell him what we need, and when he gets one in, he will let me know. The prices are varying too because of the situation. We had it in the last budget but never purchased one. Moved by Claudia that we approve the purchase of a laptop from New Look Computer, Seconded by Supervisor Palen. All in favor, Motion carried.

Lenon Electric:

Clerk reported Patrick from Lenon Electric will be coming on Wednesday, July 15, at 3 p.m., to talk with us about the outside lighting situation and what we want done.

REPORTS:

County Commissioner Kam Washburn –

Kam updated the Board on Clinton County happenings in the last few months beginning with COVID-19. July 9 was day 120 of the implementation of EOS operations. To date, there are 214 confirmed cases and 12 deaths in Clinton County. Kam further noted that the County experienced a spike in the virus due to the Harper's Restaurant and Brew Pub situation. There were 180 cases over 19 counties, 14 cases in Clinton County. He stated the last 10 days hospitalizations have not seen an uptick, and deaths have not spiked.

The County bought 62 laptops so people could work at home during the lockdown. Business will be done differently now. Some things you can do remotely and, of course, some you can't. Some may work at home a couple days and then come into the office for one or two days, and then continue working at home. He stated we hope we can get back to some normalcy.

Kam also reported that the bonds for the 911 system were sold, and at a good rate, 1.01 percent. New equipment is beginning to arrive.

Reopening County government services is going well. The cooperation between the departments has been excellent and compliant. The Courts are back up and running. They are doing everything that is possible virtual. Jury selection will take place at Smith Hall. All the necessary equipment to make this happen has been installed. They spent \$15,000 on making Smith Hall completely secure.

Kam reported that the re-launch of the Greater Lansing Campaign – Clinton, Ingham, Eaton Counties – is progressing and now includes Shiawassee and Ionia Counties. Information for businesses on how to reopen safely is available. The guidelines change on a daily basis and are addressed daily. He commented this is tough for small businesses, and the Harper's situation has slowed down the process.

Clinton County will participate in a Webinar to research the CARES Act and how it affects the County, what is allowable and what is not, and how reimbursement will be determined.

The Clinton County Commission will be conducting their July meeting using a virtual platform and will re-access the August meeting.

Every Friday afternoon they have a call with hospitals, doctors, health department, health care, nursing homes, sheriff, ambulance, EOC, everyone, for updates. There's usually 50 people on the phone.

Assessor Mark Holley –

Mark stated they will be having the July Board of Review, per the Governor.

Library – Nancy supplied us with the Library Board Budget Meeting minutes and regular meeting minutes from June 9, 2020, the Librarian's Report of July 7, 2020, the financial documents, and the new meeting schedule.

They are switching from Frontier to DayStarr. Three new laptops have been purchased from New Look Computer. The curbside pickup is going very well. People have been happy with this. There will be a meeting on the 13th to discuss options for reopening.

OMESA – Supervisor Palen reported the last meeting was a short one, 17 minutes. Jennings commented the audit was done. They discussed lawn care at the meeting. Jennings is working on getting quotes. There are a lot of rocks out there.

CAASA – Supervisor Palen commented Deb went to the last CAASA Meeting.

Deb sent Greg a message stating at the meeting they voted to establish IRA's for each employee, and they will match any contributions employees make up to three percent. The payroll is around \$33,000 per month.

***Public Comments:**

Nothing more. Comments were made throughout the meeting.

Board Comments:

Nancy stated the Library building fund shows \$12,796, but \$10,000 was transferred from General Fund to eliminate charges every month, so \$2,796 is what is in there. Amy Bowen from Duplain Township has a Facebook page dealing with tax information. She said it seems to be a good source for people, and she's getting positive feedback. Nancy wondered about doing something like this. Discussion regarding this and our website, which seems to be continually down. People cannot get any information because it's not there. Supervisor Palen will get in touch with Ed Tyler.

Adjournment: Supervisor Palen adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk