

**OVID TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
February 4, 2016**

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Greg Palen with Pledge to the Flag. Roll call found the following members present: Supervisor Greg Palen, Treasurer Casie Chunko, Trustee Randy Montague, and Trustee Nancy Hughson. Absent: Clerk Michelle Robinson. Also present: approximately four visitors.

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

MINUTES: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Moved by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague to approve budget with no amendments needed. **Motion carried**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Three more weeks left of tax collection. Sue Palen (Deputy Treasurer) may not be available much at the end of February with the new grandbaby coming. **Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Hughson 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 \$379,907.10; Tax Deposit Account \$359,587.88; Tax Disbursement Account \$388.52; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$261.04 see attached). **Motion carried.**

BILLS: Moved by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague to approve payment of the bills as presented with the addition of two bills (Frontier check # 9606 for \$242.02; and Consumers Building online for \$258.64) making the total of bills to be approved \$10,920.72 using checks #9596 through #9606 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEES:

CEMETERY: Waneta Byrnes was chosen as the cemetery representative for the City after Charlie Moore's resignation. Delores Simpson would like to retire from the treasurer position. The hospital has been contacted regarding their reimbursement for the work that was supposed to be done and wasn't. A surveyor has been hired but Mr. Moore wants some changes in regards to graves and buildings. The local veterans have requested some new flags and markers. We will at least continue this for this year.

OMESA: Ambulance runs: 83 total transports for the month. The lift that the Nursing home owns is out of service and we are temporarily transporting the people that need this service for dialysis services and such. Currently they are trying to come up with a fee structure for this service. Fire runs: 6 runs for the month. Engine number 2, some bids have gone out. Chief Steve is dealing with a Chief from down south that is interested in the rig for approximately \$20,000. Our new rig is still not in service. The man who has been working on it has been in and out with his wife who is going through cancer treatments. There has been another offer on the cell tower – but when we amortized it the dollar amount did not come out to equal what we receive now. We are looking at a new election of officers for this board and reviewing/updating the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Charter. The City would like six people on the board, the Township is leaving toward nine; however issues have arisen regarding how you would then resolve a tie vote with an even amount of board members. Discussion continues.

ASSESSOR – DIANE DOWLER: It's a busy time of year for assessors. I would like the board to pass two resolutions tonight. One is an alternate Board of Review date – asking to start on Tuesday instead of Monday. I would like the organizational meeting on March 8 at 11 am. The assessor turns the roll over to the board – there are no appeals heard at this meeting. The following week: March 15 from 9 am – 3 pm and March 18 from 3 pm – 9 pm will be our appeal times. The second resolution is the poverty exemption deadlines with new updated federal guidelines.

Proposed resolution for an alternate Board of Review start date: **Moved** by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague. Roll Call vote: Hughson – yes, Montague – yes, Chunko – yes, Robinson (absent), Palen – yes; **resolution passed.**

Proposed resolution for Poverty Exemption deadline with new federal guidelines: **Moved** by Chunko, **seconded** by Hughson. Roll Call vote: Hughson – yes, Montague – yes, Chunko – yes, Robinson (absent), Palen – yes; **resolution passed.**

Parcel ratios: Agriculture was 44.96 (need to be between 49-50) – added \$4.5 million; commercial was at 46.45, ended at 49.65 – added \$103,000; industrial we are way low on – 5 parcels – was at 37.75 now at 49.77 – added 74,900; residential (864 properties) did not need to change at 49.87 but because a large portion of township was visited last year we have come down quite a bit due to assessor changes.

L-4022: This is assessed values and shows the loss that we will have. We were at 145 million last year, this year 104 million. Everything that went to the City is in the loss column (large number). We have 1,288 tax parcels now in the Township.

Taxable values: The one the board has includes sleepy hollow but that is broke out differently with the 1 mill allocation we get as it is DNR. It is part of the roll but we do not assess it the state does. \$68 million left on the taxable line, this was \$113 million before City split.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAM WASHBURN: We voted on the budget of Clinton Transit, this year they will be going for the .2 mill renewal (August or November is still being decided). We approved the release of the comprehensive land use plan put out by Pete Preston. It is in the 60-70 day public comment period if you have anything to say please pass comments to Mr. Preston. We discussed Public Act 269 that the legislature passed – has to do with what public officials can discuss regarding a ballot initiative – right now 60 days prior to the election public officials cannot discuss initiatives. As this was tacked on another bill there were some legislatures that did not know they were voting on the issue so there is discussion regarding changing this. Last year we paid the bond on the courthouse off. This year we are paying off the bond on the public health building around May 1 (saving \$104,000 in interest). When this is paid off Clinton County will have no general obligation debt at all. The counties OPEC liability is over 100% funded, 95% funded in pension liability due to the market.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mark Holly thanked the board for the use of the hall for assessor training last month. Another resident asked about a “check-list” from the attorney on things we should be looking at regarding City to Village. There is no specific statute that addresses what happens when a Village leaves a Township and becomes a City, only court cases.

BOARD COMMENTS: Discussion regarding some “target shooting” took place. Neighbor was primarily complaining about noise.

Adjourn 8:13 p.m. **Moved** by Chunko

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk: Gregory Palen, Supervisor