

**OVID TOWNSHIP  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 3, 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 11 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 November 5, 2015 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET:** Move \$157.69 from unallocated funds to Printing and Publishing (299-900); move \$395.00 from unallocated funds to mowing (265-804). **Moved** by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague with amendments noted. **Motion carried**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tax bills are slated to be mailed on 12/4, tax collection hours at the hall will vary from week to week (evening hours) please call the treasurers voicemail for information. Sue Palen, Deputy Treasurer, will be available on Mondays only at Michigan Livestock to accept payments as well. **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 \$338,415.42; Tax Deposit Account \$10,018.76; Tax Disbursement Account \$388.52; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$311.04 see attached). **Motion carried.**

**BILLS: Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Hughson to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9566 through #9579 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

**COMMITTEES:**

**CEMETERY:** The board is getting ready to submit bills to the hospital for the additional work their contractor did not do. Work on this next years budget is underway. The entire cemetery is now located within the City boundaries – no longer any township property.

**OMESA:** The big question in front of the board is “How do we proceed?” No decisions have been made, they are simply on a fact finding mission right now – that is it. With the new City status the Charter and Articles of Incorporation now need to be re-written. It was a fairly slow month for the fire and ambulance services. The budget will be up for vote at the December meeting. The new fire engine should arrive late December. Work is still being done to move the Fiber Optic line on the property behind the Ovid Township Hall.

**SHERIFF – DEP. MIKE GUTE:** 534 total calls. The department asks that snowbirds let the police know when they are gone so they can conduct safety checks on their property.

**ASSESSOR – DIANE DOWLER:** The December Board of Review will be held at 9 am on December 15. This is to fix clerical errors and homestead issues. It will be Jack Powell's first meeting replacing Dean Leavitt, in March we will need a replacement for Al Toman.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAM WASHBURN:** \$1 million was allocated to the youth center for improvements/renovations that need to be done – some of these are mandated. The juveniles will need to be relocated while work is going on. That single expense can be free (in some cases) or can be very costly if there are some “bad” youth – there is however, no line item in the budget for alternative housing. Phil Hanses is buying a new camera to look in drain tiles for problems. If this piece of equipment is needed outside a Clinton County Drain it will be available for rent/use. Township corner definitions are still being defined. Phil Hanses office is now in charge of this project. The latest road funding proposal was passed by the legislator. There are a whole lot of assumptions in the numbers and in 15-16 Clinton County gains no benefit. The counties benefit in 16-17 and again in 17-18 is a half million each budget year, the following three budget years (18-21) will be contingent on future legislators voting monies from the General Fund to fulfill the promises this legislator has made. At the present time our Road Commission has two different budgets (one with the funding and one without). If the funding comes through it will also increase State Revenue Sharing amounts to Townships (73% more over a six year period)

**SNOW PLOWING:** There were three bids received and the board decided to keep it local and keep the contract with Bywater Outdoor. **Moved** by Montauge, **seconded** by Hughson to accept Mr. Bywaters bid to plow the township hall during 15-16 snow fall season. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Charlie Green presented the board with a thank you card from the Dale Carnegie class that has been held here – graduation is Tuesday. Lots of lives were changed in this session. The program recently purchased and donated 38 new chairs to the township and GoPositive is still going strong as well!

**BOARD COMMENTS:** A new vacuum for the hall has been purchased as well as a new coffee pot. Some problem issues with a few rentals were discussed. There was recently alcohol found in the hall – which is NOT allowed due to the liability surrounding it. The board will be revising our rental guidelines and if alcohol is found on the premise it will result in an automatic loss of deposit.

Adjourn 8:50 p.m. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Chunko. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk

Gregory Palen, Supervisor