

**OVID TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
May 7, 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 4 visitors.

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

MINUTES: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Hughson to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2015 regular meeting. **Motion carried.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko with one amendment: Move \$35.00 from unallocated funds to 171-740 Supervisor Expenses. **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 \$472,551.55; Tax Deposit Account \$457.58; Tax Disbursement Account \$1,897.62; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$506.10 (see attached). Summer tax bills will be mailed the beginning of July. **Motion carried.**

BILLS: Moved by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9426 through #9451 totaling \$53,036.82 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEES:

CEMETERY: Nothing new to report.

OMESA: April Fire Department runs 16, ytd 41; EMS 42 runs – 7 non transports, 138 ytd. Some crew members are more active now outside so they are looking for more staff. This has proven difficult due to rumors of solvency. Daystarr has been chose for phone and internet at the Village hall to OMESA is also switching at a savings of \$700 a year. They have applied for a grant to obtain two new radios that would be P25 compliant. The Assistant EMS Chief has resigned and the position was given to Casie Roberts as she is already performing the duties. There is a May 11 meeting scheduled for a contingency plan regarding the minimum wage increase.

LAWN CARE BID OPENING: Five bids were received: Maximum Pride 80/mow, Bob's 55/mow, Bruce Levey 4,500/season, Hurst 90/mow, and Somers 79/mow. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Montague to approve the 2015 summer lawn care bid to Maximum Pride Lawn Care with the agreement to spray for broadleaf control in the landscaped areas. **Motion carried.**

ASSESSOR UPDATE – DIANE DOWLER: There is a stipulation order in place with the tax tribunal case as both parties have agreed on the property at 108 S. Main of \$28,000. At the same time as this meeting tonight is a Special Meeting of the County Planning and Zoning Committee to consider a request from Searles to reopen pit access on M-21.

CLINTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION DECISIONS: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Chunko to approve the following projects: Parks Road from Chandler to Watson, and Watson to St. Clair; Hollister Road from M-21 to Woodworth Road, also dust control on all non-paved township roads. **Motion carried.**

OUTSTANDING LEGAL BILL: Moved by Montague, seconded by Robinson to pay the outstanding legal bill in the amount of \$612.00. **Motion carried.**

AUDIT: Abraham and Gaffney will be here May 20, 2015 – May 23, 2015 to conduct our annual audit. Both Michelle and Casie will be available to assist as needed. Moved by Robinson, seconded by Chunko for Clerk, Secretary, and Supervisor to attend the Finance Class offered by the Audit firm on July 10 from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at a total cost of \$650.00. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident on N. Harmon Road attended to inquire on a fencing issue with his neighbor. When neighbor placed fence posts it cut phone wires, privacy fence is pretty much on the property line with no plan by the owner to take care of the other side of the fence. As the police have been involved each property owner has been instructed to stay off the others property. This has been an ongoing issue. Supervisor Palen will make a visit to the property to see what the actual variance is and assist in coming up with a solution..

BOARD COMMENTS: As the High School will be undergoing major renovations this summer Charlie Green has asked if the monthly GoPositive meetings could be held here at the Township Hall during June, July and August. The board saw no issues with this and granted the use at no charge to the program.

Adjourn 8:35 p.m. Moved by Chunko. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk

Gregory Palen, Supervisor