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Jennings West

**APPROVED MINUTES OF OVID TOWNSHIP MEETING – AUGUST 9, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Ovid Township Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Greg Palen with Pledge to the Flag.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kam Washburn

**AGENDA:**

Agenda reviewed by Board.

Moved by Nancy to approve the agenda as printed, Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

**PROPOSED MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2018:**

Proposed minutes reviewed by Board.

Moved by Arlene to approve the meeting minutes of July 12, 2018, Seconded by Jennings. All in favor, Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

July 2018, bank balances, along with the supporting bank documents.

Huntington Bank Accounts:

Delinquent Property Tax account balance is \$129.14.

Tax account bank balance is \$74,197.37.

Tax Disbursement account balance is \$2,269.00.

General Fund bank balance is \$147,765.16.

Michigan Class investment account balance is \$302,238.02.

Mercantile Bank Emergency Services Account is \$64,489.62.

Nancy stated taxes are coming in on a steady basis. Interest from Michigan Class was \$556.41.

Treasurer's report submitted, subject to audit.

## **CLERK'S REPORT & BUDGET/EXPENDITURE REPORT - FOR APPROVAL:**

Claudia's Check Disbursement Report discussed and reviewed by the Board.

For approval – Huntington Bank, Check numbers 10251-10265 and numbers 10618-10629 and Payroll EFT totaling \$10,925.68.

Mercantile Bank, Emergency Services, Check number 1004 totaling \$39.65.

Moved by Arlene to accept the Clerk's report and authorize payment of all checks stated, Seconded by Jennings. All in favor, Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Applebee Oil and Propane Contract:**

New contract from Applebee Oil is tabled at this time due to checking into switching to natural gas.

### **Automatic Handicap Door Openers:**

Nancy commented we need to replace the closures on our main doors. It would be a good idea to check into automatic door openers because when people come in who need assistance, they really struggle with these heavy doors.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **South Ovid Cemetery:**

Supervisor Palen wondered if anybody had a chance to look at the DRAFT Cemetery Ordinance, which with taxes, the election and other daily work, Nancy and Claudia have not had a chance. Claudia commented South Ovid Cemetery still needs to have it surveyed and a deed done before we move forward. We did tell them we needed a few months to get all this done. We realize they want to get rid of it, however, this has to be done legally, and we need to have insurance. Supervisor Palen stated he would try to look the DRAFT Ordinance over before our next meeting.

## **REPORTS:**

**County Commissioner Kam Washburn** – Kam reported one of the very high number of complaints he gets, not from residents, is from outside political sources, networks and newspapers, is the slowness of our election returns, especially Presidential elections. Clinton County is in that model when they're trying to project, and they want those results quick. The County Clerk has always waited until all the results were in, and they were accurate. With the new voting equipment and electronics, we can deliver the results much, much quicker. There was one glitch. A section of East Lansing that is in our County used their old voting machines. They did not have the new equipment, which is being remedied hopefully. They got their results in at 4 a.m. The County Clerk will be at the next Ways and Means Meeting and talk about how the election went with the new equipment.

In this Election, the Headlee Override passed. Kam talked about the way it was written a lot of people didn't understand it and didn't know it was the Headlee Override. It affects all the General Law townships, RESA, and the County. Clinton County has no additional voted millage because of the Headlee Override.

A new dairy processing plant is coming to St. Johns. Construction is expected to begin in September. This is a 550 million dollar project, eight million pounds a day processing and 300 permanent jobs. They estimate 250-300 tankers a day going in and out. This is a real asset for our county. LEAP has been working on this project for the last three years. Glanbia Nutritionals, an Irish dairy producer, will be operating the cheese plant. They have a plant in New Mexico too. This will be one of the largest dairy processing operations in the country. It is expected to open by 2020.

Another big entity that Clinton County is involved in is Community Mental Health – the three counties, Clinton, Eaton and Ingham County. The annual budget is 115 million dollars. There are 1100 employees and 12,000 patients. There is going to be a huge change in how business is done with the developmentally disabled portion of the program. There are 1200 people, about 400 of those are seriously developmentally disabled that we take care of. There has to be a C-Change in the way those programs are done because of Federal guidelines. Medicaid will no longer reimburse for those people, plus it bleeds over into other programs that are primarily supported by Medicaid. Probably 87 percent of the budget is Medicaid. A lot of these people are 24-hour care. This is a huge change for them.

Kam asked about the curbing on Baese Court. He was at a Road Commission meeting earlier in the day where this was discussed. Supervisor Palen stated this was discussed at the last OMESA Meeting, and Shane Applebee is going to cover the cost of the recurbing. Ron Mallory, the contractor, has been made aware of this. The contractor for the curbing needs to know when it should be done. Ron Mallory will work it out with them when it is to be done. They have to determine where the Fire Department driveway is going to hit the street so the curb is cut in that section.

**Library** – Nancy submitted minutes from the June 6, 2018, annual budget meeting and minutes from the June 6, 2018, regular board meeting, along with the Librarian's Report of July 11, 2018. Also submitted were the expense trackers. Nancy said there was a meeting on July 18. The Audit will be done by SK&T (Kirinovic).

A new fence and patio has been approved for the front and back. They approved the L-4029 at .75 mills. The meeting dates will now be the first Tuesday of each month. There will be no meeting in August or September. The couple in the church north of the library hooked into the library's electricity. They also have aggressive dogs.

**OMESA** – Trustee Jennings stated the water and sewer permit is not settled yet. One day it was approved and then rejected in the same day.

**CAASA:** Supervisor Palen commented things have been pretty quiet. Elsie was approached about joining CAASA. Another issue is building projects. CAASA was

having to go as far as Monroe for contractor bids, because of how busy all the builders are. There would be some expansion on the main building south of the office building in St. Johns. Within the next year we have to make a decision if or how we continue the MFR experiment in Greenbush Township. So far it has worked well. It goes to the Mint Festival, the rodeos at Tom's, school events, football games, et cetera. Elsie had been covering the events before.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Board Comments:**

Supervisor Palen commented we had a successful election. Everything went smooth, and the end results all balanced out perfectly. The new setup flowed smoothly.

Claudia commented that Nancy would not be here for the next scheduled Board Meeting on September 13 and suggested moving it to the following Thursday.

Moved by Claudia that we change our September 13 Board Meeting to September 20, Seconded by Nancy. All in favor, Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

Gregory C. Palen, Supervisor