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TRUSTEES: Arlene Pesik
Jennings West

Approved MINUTES OF OVID TOWNSHIP MEETING – SEPTEMBER 20, 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:

Jon Johnson, Burnham & Flower Insurance Group; Mike & Diane Dowler; Gail Watkins; Tony Spagnuolo

AGENDA:

Agenda reviewed by Board.

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

PROPOSED MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2018:

Proposed minutes reviewed by Board.

Moved by Arlene to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2018, Seconded by Jennings. All in favor, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of August 31, 2018, the following are the balances, along with the supporting bank documents.

Huntington Bank Accounts:

Delinquent Property Tax account balance is \$129.14.

Tax account bank balance is \$270,388.22.

Tax Disbursement account balance is \$2,269.00.

General Fund bank balance is \$137,862.18.

Michigan Class investment account balance is \$302,796.40.

Mercantile Bank Emergency Services Account is \$64,460.92.

Treasurer's report submitted, subject to audit.

AMEND & APPROVE BUDGET:

Clerk stated we need to add two new line items and make some adjustments to the Budget as shown on the Agenda.

Moved by Claudia that we move a total of \$3,770 from unallocated funds to the following:

Insufficient Funds (New), GL # 101-000-827 (\$200)

Transfer Out (New), GL # 101-000-996 (\$75)

Treasurer, GL # 101-253-702 (Per Diem for Library \$495)

Election Inspector Salaries, GL # 101-262-702 (\$2,000)

Mileage, GL # 101-000-826 (\$1,000)

Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

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 10266-10282 and numbers 10630-10646 and two Payroll EFTS, totaling \$28,077.04.

Mercantile Bank, Emergency Services, Check number 1005 totaling \$39.65.

Moved by Nancy to accept the Clerk's report and authorize payment of all checks stated,

Seconded by Jennings. All in favor, Motion carried.

Clerk – Election Inspector:

Clerk stated on the MTA Community page there was discussion regarding Clerks being paid as Election Inspectors since they work Elections as an Inspector. The Chairperson is someone other than the Clerk. MTA supports Clerks being paid; however, it is up to each individual township to make that decision.

Moved by Nancy that we approve payment for the Clerk as an Election Inspector,

Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jon Johnson, Burnham and Flower Insurance Group:

Mr. Jon Johnson took over for Larry Clever, and has been working with us since Larry retired. Jon previously worked with Nancy and Claudia in putting together this year's property and liability renewal quote and proposal, which everyone on the Board has a copy of. This policy has an August 1, 2018, effective date. Jon briefly went through the insurance booklet with us and explained the different coverages and answered questions. Our Property and Liability Program is through Michigan Township Participating Plan or the Par Plan. One program Par Plan has put into place is the Dividend Program. This is a reimbursement of some of our premium dollars as long as claims program-wide are under a certain threshold. Since implemented, they have sent out at least one dividend check per year. Hopefully they will continue this program.

Par Plan has a fairly new grant program in place that helps townships and members of Par Plan receive funds for updates or amendments to your building, your parks, playgrounds, parking lots, cemeteries, anything you might need updates on. It's a very broadly written grant. They offer these grant applications twice a year. Jon can help with writing the application or Rita Evans, who is the one that heads up the program on the Par Plan side. Discussion regarding security cameras and automatic door openers. The grant has to be a Board approved idea.

The third program Par Plan has is the Reimbursement for Michigan Citizen Planner Certification – if anyone on our Board is interested in getting this Certification, Par Plan will reimburse for the expenses involved with getting that certification.

Jon went over the insurance booklet in detail regarding all coverages.

Gail Watkins, Road Commission:

Gail reported on some of the Road Commission's projects. Gravel for Ovid Township is not done. They are waiting on Searles for 9000 tons more for the Township.

Winter is coming. The price of salt has gone from \$36 per ton to \$64 per ton. Probably another \$800,000 or more will be spent on road maintenance this winter.

Gail stated we are hoping next year to get another increase in cost share.

There was over 40 miles of sealcoat done at \$25,000 a mile in the County.

The Road Commission has bought six trucks over the last two years, bought two graders, leased two more.

Ovid Township 2018, L-4029:

Discussion regarding the L-4029.

Moved by Claudia that we approve the L-4029 for Ovid Township, Seconded by Jennings. All in favor, Motion carried.

Automatic Handicap Door Operators:

The Board discussed the two bids we received for handicap door openers.

Jennings commented everything but the electronics are made in America. The other openers are made in China, from the other bid. Claudia commented the closures have to be replaced on the doors anyway. We would have to get an electrician also to complete this.

Moved by Jennings that we award the bid to Karl, Cloverdale Locksmith Service, LLC, for the automatic handicap door operators, Seconded by Claudia. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Consumer's Natural Gas:

Discussion regarding when Consumer's would be doing the Fire Hall and when we could get hooked up to natural gas.

Moved by Arlene that we confirm the hook up to Natural Gas as long as it's being run to the new Fire Hall, Seconded by Nancy. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Emily FOIA:

Discussion regarding the big FOIA that all Clerks in the State of Michigan received regarding the 2016 Presidential Election.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

South Ovid Cemetery – DRAFT Cemetery Ordinance

Discussion regarding this ordinance. Supervisor Palen stated he would try to look over the draft Cemetery Ordinance and make changes or suggestions next month. We will table this until further notice.

REPORTS:

Assessor Diane Dowler – Diane read a September 19, 2018, Assessing Reform Update, which is attached to these minutes. Diane didn't have anything further to report.

Library – Nancy said they didn't have a meeting because of Carriage Days.

OMESA – Trustee Jennings stated they received the well permit. The well has been put in. There's no gas or electricity yet. The electricians are wiring inside. The plumbing is just about all done inside. The doors are on. The electricity is going to be hooked up in a couple weeks.

CAASA: Supervisor Palen said the CAASA meeting is coming up. CAASA renewed their agreement with LCC, Clinton County RESA, which keeps Darlene Smith involved as our employed trainer. Elsie area did formally apply to Clinton Area Ambulance, so within the next couple meetings we will get new Charter paperwork from CAASA to agree to let Elsie join. Then new Articles will be written that we'll have to approve.

Public Comments:

Tony Spagnuolo introduced himself. He's going to run for Prosecutor in the next cycle, he stated. He's on the DeWitt District Library Board. He said Gail has been a big help, has been taking him around to meet everyone. He thanked Ovid Township for having him here. He said if anyone would like to talk to him, any questions, concerns, to please call him at (517) 512-5158.

Board Comments:

None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

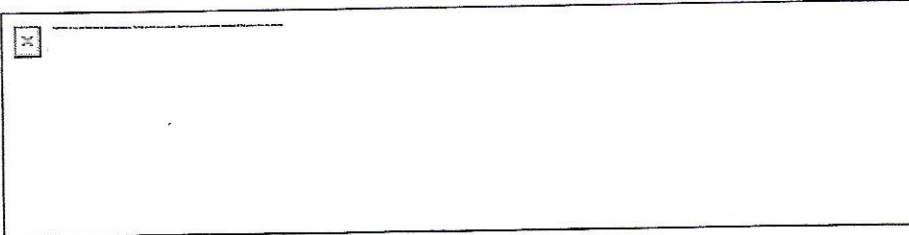
Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

Gregory C. Palen, Supervisor

Diane Dowler

From: MAA Webmaster <newsletter@maa-usa.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 4:44 PM
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Subject: MAA eAlert - Assessing Reform Update



September 19 , 2018

Greeting Diane Dowler,

2018 Assessing Reform Update
HB 6049/SB 1025

On September 18, 2018, Ed VanderVries - MAED President, Ruth Scott - MAED/MAA Legislative Committee Chair, Manny Lentine - MAA Legislative Services Provider and I attended an Assessing Reform Workgroup meeting in Lansing. Present at this meeting were: Representative Lower and Senator Stamas along with members of their staffs; Treasury Dept staff; representatives from MAC, MML, and MTA; and Legislative Services Bureau-staff. Senator Stamas' goal for the day was to take the outcomes from this meeting, have the bills revised and provide substitute bills - hopefully as something all stakeholders could support.

The meeting was very collaborative, and many of the organizations were on the same page about the important issues. Both legislators and treasury were open and attentive to our points of view and seemed to understand our concerns. By working together, the changes agreed upon include:

- 1) Assessor of Record physical presence (8 hours per week) - **OUTCOME:** Units to establish availability and accessibility policy.
- 2) Full-time assessor - **OUTCOME:** Provide reasonable availability to the Assessing District.
- 3) IAAO staffing standards - **OUTCOME:** Removed.
- 4) 5,000 parcel/\$12M tax revenue - **OUTCOME:** Removed.
- 5) Prohibit supervisor assessors - **OUTCOME:** Removed, but must maintain quality standards.
- 6) Require level 3 or level 4 assessor - **OUTCOME:** Removed, consequences for not meeting quality standards determined through AMAR process.
- 7) Online access to information - **OUTCOME:** If the Township/City has access to Internet (Federal definition of high speed Internet used) at that location.
- 8) Pre-BOR requirement - **OUTCOME:** Informal process to resolve property record inaccuracies without requiring taxpayer to attend MBOR.

- 9) Dedication of administration fee - **OUTCOME:** Part of the evaluation process to ensure those levying are using it for its intended purpose.
- 10) Specialized and regional BORs - **OUTCOME:** Removed.

Time did not allow addressing every issue, but the intention is to hold another meeting to work through those very soon. This is certainly a long way from the originally proposed bills, and hopefully the revised bills will be something we can all live with.

Thank you to the stakeholders and MAA members for providing input, attending meetings and letting the legislators know how this proposal could negatively impact our profession.

Best regards,
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