

**OVID TOWNSHIP  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 2, 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 3 visitors.

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

**MINUTES: Moved** by Chunko, **seconded** by Hughson to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 regular meeting with the small correction of “Bing” Barks rather than “Big”. **Motion carried.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Moved** by Chunko, **seconded** by Hughson with no amendments needed. **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 \$407,435.53; Tax Deposit Account \$376.00; Tax Disbursement Account \$0.00; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$506.10 see attached). Summer taxes along with summer newsletters. If residents taxes are escrowed and they wish to get a copy of the newsletter it is on the townships website, extra copies are here at the hall, and copies are also located at Michigan Livestock. Collection hours begin on Monday, July 13 from 8 am-5pm on Mondays and Fridays at the township hall. Other tax payment options have been extended for convenience and may be paid with the Deputy Treasurer at Michigan Livestock and also may be paid online. **Motion carried.**

**BILLS: Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Chunko to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9472 through #9485 totaling \$10,632.67 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

**COMMITTEES:**

**CEMETERY:** As there are random questions posed to the township board through the year regarding policies and rates at Maple Grove Cemetery the board has posted those documents on our township website for the public’s convenience (ovidtp.com)

**OMESA:** Chairman Semans reported on the financial committee meeting. Recently there have been an exorbitant amount of ambulance calls resulting in a substantial amount of overtime for some EMTs. Currently there are 5-7 licensed EMTs on the staff that are either on medical leave or have full time employment elsewhere which has left few EMTs left to equalize the overtime with. The board is attempting to get some new hires and find creative ways to work through this so the overtime expenditure will decrease. The new minimum wage issue was once again discussed. The auditor was in attendance at the meeting with only a draft. The next board meeting will result in the final audit being presented. The draft showed an \$80,000 surplus from last year’s budget. This surplus is automatically put in the Equipment Replacement Fund so that fund amount currently sits at approximately \$300,000.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Due to the renovations and reconfiguration of the High School, Charlie Green was in attendance and asked if the township hall could be used on Tuesday evenings from approximately 5:30-10:00

pm starting on September 15, 2015 for 13 consecutive weeks to hold the Dale Carnegie class. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Chunko. **Motion carried**

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Clerk Robinson reported that as of right now we are the only jurisdiction in Clinton County to be holding a November election this year, the only issue on the ballot at this time will be the Village becoming a City vote as well as on the corresponding City Council. The board will be pursuing the installation of a traffic light at the corner of M-21 and Hollister Road. The Red Cross will be providing free smoke detectors for people who need them – people must apply for these ahead of time and this will more than likely happen in the fall. It was brought to the Supervisors attention by another board member that there may be a few properties on Kinley Road that should be marked as “blight” he will be taking a look at these. The Brownfield abandonment issue downtown is moving along. After brownfield monies were approved to do updates and help sell the property and the environmental evaluation showed there was nothing within the building that was not in any other building that age, the owners decided to petition the Shiawassee County Courts for permission to abandon the building. After the same request was denied in Clinton County, Shiawassee has approved that abandonment. Lastly, Mr. Leavitt is leaving the community which leaves us with a seat on the Board of Review that needs to be filled. The Supervisor requested appointment of Mr. Jack Powell, which the board accepted by motion. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Chunko to approve Mr. Powell as the newest Ovid Township Board of Review member. **Motion carried**

Adjourn 7:45 p.m. **Moved** by Chunko. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk

Gregory Palen, Supervisor