

**OVID TOWNSHIP  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 3, 2016**

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, Treasurer Casie Chunko, Trustee Randy Montague, and Trustee Nancy Hughson. Clerk Michelle Robinson was late to the meeting. Also present: approximately four visitors.

**AGENDA:** Please add to the agenda the Thursday, March 24, 2016 budget hearing, and the request from Hanson's Quik Stop for expansion. **Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko to approve agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

**MINUTES:** **Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Montague to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET:** **Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Chunko to approve budget with the following amendments: moving \$2,274.50 from unallocated funds to Attorney (266-801), \$27.00 from unallocated funds to Clerk expenses (215-740), \$688.59 from unallocated funds to Gas (265-921), and \$313.80 from unallocated funds to Printing and Publishing (299-900). **Motion carried**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tax collection is done. Treasurer is working on the final dispersement. We can still accept delinquent personal property taxes, there is one Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) that is outstanding which shouldn't be – not a large amount – thinking it might just be an oversight on their part. **Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Hughson 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, as reflected on reconciliations: General Fund Checking \$396,980.40; Tax Deposit Account \$1,862.66; Tax Disbursement Account \$0.00; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$236.04 see attached). **Motion carried.**

**BILLS:** **Moved** by Chunko, **seconded** by Montague to approve payment of the bills as presented with the addition of one bill (Frontier \$234.18) making the total of bills to be approved \$14,300.42 using checks #9608 through #9621. There will also be another Consumers bill for street lighting that we have not yet received, would like permission to pay if under \$400.00. (see attached). **Motion carried. Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Hughson to authorize the Clerk or Treasurer to pay the secondary Consumers Energy bill for the street lighting when it is received. **Motion carried.**

**SHERRIF – DEPUTY GUTE:** 84 complaints in Ovid Township for February: 3 personal injury, 5 property damage, 16 traffic stops, 1 domestic, 1 fraud, 1 larceny, and 2 MIPs. Most accidents were from last few weeks weather.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAM WASHBURN:** We appointed our Peer Review Group for the realignment of the corners of the County: Mark Powell, Art Pierson, Dave Clifford, Mark VanRoundenoq (4 surveyors). This was transferred to the Drain Office last year. Frank Quine is the surveyor that oversees the entire group. The county appointed the Community Mental Health replacement, Jim Ronberg. The County met the second time with the health insurance carrier for all County employees – deal looks like it will be reached. First round showed an 18% increase in premiums – at the end of the day the same policy was retained with a 2.8% increase in premiums and a slight increase in prescriptions. The county also offers a "health savings"

program for pre-tax money to pay medical expenses, most employees do take part in this. Mr. Washburn closed by discussing county snow plowing with Supervisor Palen and the board.

**COMMITTEES:**

**CEMETERY:** The check from the Hospital has been received for the reimbursement for work that was not originally completed. They used a different auditing firm this last year and have not yet heard from them this year. Discussion occurred regarding Ovid Township's future in the cemetery.

**OMESA:** The regular meeting was cancelled due to the winter storm. The meeting was rescheduled for last night and they barely had a quorum. The new fire truck should be fully on line by the first of May. The minimum price they are advertising the old truck for is \$25,000 and are using a cooperative newsletter at no charge. On-going negotiations are continuing with Ovid Healthcare regarding patient transport, they have agreed to pay for the transports out of their pocket and are currently re-fitting an old van for transport purposes. Board re-vamping discussions continue – even number or odd number of representatives and how many from each entity? Potential land division of the OMESA property behind the township hall was discussed as the 10 years is coming upon us. OMESA is also looking at alternative property instead of using the City Hall for future business – the old Cutting Edge Graphics building is being looked at.

**HALL REQUEST FROM CLINTON COUNTY SAFE CENTER:** They have been trying to find a neutral/central place to St. Johns and Owosso to hold two support groups – Domestic Violence and a group for caregivers of sexually assaulted children. They don't have the ability to pay as they are a non-profit and wanted it every Wednesday and Thursday evening. The board decided that we could offer it to them at a reduced rate of \$25 per evening and only 2 weeks per month. Also was suggested that we tell her about local churches and VFW hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** All public comments were tied into different categories.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Supervisor Palen reminded the board that Lawrence Cook will be replacing Al Toman on our Board of Review. There was brief discussion on Memorial Day. Ovid Township will be purchasing flags and markers for the cemeteries again this year. Informative discussion was held on Hanson's Quik Stop. The owner wants to level the current building, build a new one farther back on the property with a larger interior store and adding another gas pump out front. Due to this he would like to tap into the City sewer and water as moving the building would not allow him to maintain the current septic and drain field. This is going to require a Section 425 agreement between the Township and City regarding this.

Adjourn 8:55 p.m. **Moved** by Chunko

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk: Gregory Palen, Supervisor