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PROPOSED MINUTES OF OVID TOWNSHIP MEETING - JULY 11, 2019

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Gregory Palen, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy J. Hughson, Trustee Arlene Pesik, Trustee Jennings West

ALSO PRESENT:

Jason Chant, Mike & Diane Dowler

AGENDA:

Agenda reviewed by Board. Moved by Nancy to approve the agenda as presented, Seconded by Jennings. All in favor, Motion carried.

PROPOSED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2019:

Proposed meeting minutes reviewed by Board. Moved by Jennings that we approve the June 13, 2019, minutes as printed, Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

June, 2019, the following are the bank balances, along with the supporting statements.
Huntington Bank Accounts:

General Fund bank balance is \$155,114.23

Tax account bank balance is \$2,981.03, after combining the tax disbursement and tax accounts

Delinquent Property Tax account balance is \$267.01

Michigan Class investment account balances:

General Fund is \$217,546.99

Tax Account is zero

Emergency Services is \$46,016.07

Mercantile Bank Emergency Services Account is \$1,203.89

We've collected \$56,000 in taxes so far.

Nancy stated we've opened a new bank account just for payroll, and we will be ordering checks for that.

CLERK/BILLS - FOR APPROVAL:

Claudia presented the Check Disbursement Report for approval, and the Revenue and Expenditure Report for review.

For approval – Huntington Bank, Check numbers 10580, 10422-10441 and payroll tax (EFT) totaling \$22,790.18.

Mercantile Bank, Emergency Services, Check number 1020 totaling \$39.65.

Also in the Board's packet was a breakdown of Attorney Fahey's bill regarding South Ovid Cemetery, which was \$1,200. Discussion regarding this.

Moved by Nancy to accept the Clerk's report authorizing payment of all bills from Huntington Bank and Mercantile Bank, Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Case ZC-10-19 VR - Variance Application, by Chris Chant, Chant Farms, LLC:

Supervisor Palen stated Jason Chant, son of Chris Chant, is here to present to the Board the request for a Variance for Chant Farms.

Mr. Jason Chant explained that they want to separate the house from the farm.

Board discussion. Our Board has no objection to this Variance.

Supervisor Palen will email Wendy Ward at Planning and Zoning and let her know we reviewed this and we don't see any problem with it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Frontier/DayStarr:

Claudia and Nancy explained we were all set for DayStarr to install our internet and phones. DayStarr suggested we make two calls to Frontier to see if we have a contract, and, if so, what kind of breakout costs there might be. Claudia and Nancy each called and were given different amounts. Frontier said we have a verbal agreement for it to automatically be renewed every February. Nancy was told the verbal agreement was with Michelle Robinson, the Clerk at that time. Our current bill is \$247.50 per month. The bill from DayStarr would be \$134.50 per month. Nancy figured the savings if we went ahead with DayStarr now and presented those to the Board. Frontier informed

us that everything we have is so old they don't even offer that promotion anymore. Board discussion regarding all this and all our documentation from our phone conversations.

Moved by Supervisor Palen that we go forward with DayStarr, Seconded by Arlene. All in favor, Motion carried.

South Ovid Cemetery - DRAFT Ordinance:

Board discussion regarding the cemetery. Supervisor Palen said we will table this until next month. Hopefully we will have all the documents before then.

REPORTS:

Assessor - Diane Dowler - Diane reminded us that Board of Review will be Tuesday, July 16. Diane said there were three items to go over.

Library - Nancy submitted copies of the Ovid Public Library Annual Budget Meeting minutes of June 4, 2019; the regular Board Meeting minutes of June 4, 2019, and the Librarian's Report, along with the financial reports/expense trackers. There's a list of all their income for the year. One of the expense trackers shows the donation fund, which shows all the donations and how much has been spent.

OMESA -

Trustee Jennings reported the drain is not fixed yet. It has been too wet. The grass is getting high since it hasn't been landscaped. Consumer's Energy has some flags out there so they can do the power line easement. It's where all those trees are.

Supervisor Palen commented they're waiting on the drain being fixed so the Occupancy Permit will become permanent.

Supervisor Palen also commented on the new fire hall, and the OMESA Treasurer's office being there. The OMESA Treasurer will continue to work out of his house. Supervisor Palen will go over to his house each month before the meetings and work with him on the financial report, line items and the budget, and a separate line item for each entity to show the breakdown.

They've also discussed putting up plaques with all the fire chiefs names, past and present.

CAASA - Supervisor Palen said the last meeting was the open house to show all the renovations and new expansion. It went well. All the equipment looked good.

There were two vehicles out on runs during the open house.

Lynn Thelen gave this long Power Point presentation during the meeting explaining what's happening with ambulance services regarding the cost, runs, what the trends have been. He'd like to bring this presentation to one of our Township meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Palen adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

Gregory C. Palen, Supervisor