

**OVID TOWNSHIP  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 7, 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, Clerk Michelle Robinson, and Trustee Nancy Hughson. Absent: Treasurer Casie Chunko and Trustee Randy Montague. Also present: approximately eight visitors.

**AGENDA: Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Robinson to approve agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

**MINUTES: Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Robinson to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2016 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

**CAASA PRESENTATION – BILL SCHMIDT:** Mr. Schmidt introduced himself to the board as the Chairperson of the authority. CAASA has nine municipal members with one person from each municipality sitting on the board of directors (Bingham, Essex, Bengal, Dallas, Greenbush, and Lebanon Townships; City of Maple Rapids and the City of St. Johns. (City of St. Johns has two representatives on the board as their demographics make up 40% of the CAASA service area.)) Municipal members run the authority with majority rules; however, IF there was ever a decision that would put the authority in a deficit (i.e., new roof, etc.) then each municipal member is required to take it back to their respective board for their vote – then bring their boards vote back to the table. In this case a unanimous vote would be required prior to the money being spent – majority rule does not apply in this situation. As a municipal member, the charge is \$3 per capita per year based on the most current census information. This per capita charge covers all capital expenses anticipated by the authority, all other expenses come out of the service fee that is charged to the insurance company or individual themselves. If Ovid Township decided to contract their services for the short term in lieu of being a municipal member the board members vote on approving that contract and will set a price that could either be equal to the \$3 per capita or could be slightly higher.

CAASA has purchased three ambulances since 2008 (with two currently ALS staffed 24/7), a new Echo unit was just purchased with the old one also being kept. CAASA is currently participating in a new Community Paramedic Program; this is similar to a mobile nurse service when a doctor requires it only this is a free-non-pay program in which the paramedic goes in and evaluates the patient but also takes time with the client even cooking a meal if needed. Medicare is finding this as a “worthy” service in Minnesota and started paying a fee for the service – they expect the same to happen in Michigan soon. CAASA is also looking at a wheelchair transport service that would tie in with the Blue Bus service for healthcare facilities. As with all municipal member townships and cities, they would have an ambulance (or leave a paramedic with our MFR unit if needed) at our home football games and events such as Carriage Days in the fall.

As 30-40% of the ALS calls in Ovid Township already are responded to by CAASA the service makes the most sense for our residents. There will be continued discussion on the proper course of action needed to proceed.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Robinson to approve the budget as presented and to table any budget amendments needed until last fiscal year’s expenses are booked back (per accountant). **Motion carried**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tax collection is underway. Official treasurer office hours are Thursdays. **Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Robinson 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

\$439,591.52; Tax Deposit Account \$602.89; Tax Disbursement Account \$0.00; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$236.04 see attached). **Motion carried.**

**BILLS/CLERKS REPORT:** Election preparation is moving along. The Clerk asked for the Maximum Pride Lawn Mowing bill of \$400.00 to be added to the approved bills as it was received directly prior to the meeting. **Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Robinson to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9679 through #9702 totaling \$31,525.15 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

**CITY OF OVID FUNDING REQUESTS:** Requests were submitted by Mayor Lasher for a \$600 contribution to their recycling program and a \$3,000 contribution to the Parks and Recs program. After some discussion it was decided to table the Parks and Rec contribution as, per our representative, they have \$8,272.95 in their account at present and no immediate plans to spend any money on improvements. At which time that the issue with the sale of North Community Center is settled and there is a need shown by the Parks and Recs program this board has tabled the donation. **Moved** by Hughson, **seconded** by Robinson to approve the contribution of \$600.00 to the City of Ovid for the recycling program and to move \$600 from unallocated funds to 527-801 (recycling). **Motion carried.**

**MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY DISSOLUTION REQUEST:** Mayor Lasher had requested a formal resolution turning over all real property the township has in the cemetery to the City now that we are no longer a part of that authority. It was determined that there are actually five deeds to the cemetery with various dates beginning in 1886. According to the Register of Deeds they are all still in private names and need to be transferred to the authority, which is just a formality. The board decided to table this issue until August when we can have the resolution prepared and a full board.

**COMMITTEES:**

**LIBRARY:** The L-4029 was approved and signed by the board. The financial company in St. Johns that was hired to do the financials and payroll is working out really well and costing less than what they had been paying for the service prior.

**PARKS AND REC:** See discussion under the “City of Ovid Funding Requests”

**OMESA:** See discussion under “CAASA Presentation”

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A resident questioned if Watson road will be chip sealed this year. There is some new construction on that road so Supervisor Palen will check with CCRC on their time frame. An update on the remodel of Hansons Quik Stop was requested with nothing new to report.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

Adjourn 9:20 p.m. **Moved** by Robinson, **Seconded** by Hughson. **Motion Carried.**

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