

**OVID TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
September 1, 2016**

Administrative Offices (a.k.a. Ovid Township Hall)
1015 Baese Ct.
Ovid, MI 48866

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Greg Palen with Pledge to the Flag. Roll call found the following members present: Supervisor Greg Palen, Clerk Michelle Robinson, Trustee Nancy Hughson. Absent: Treasurer Randy Montague and Treasurer Casie Chunko. Also present: approximately five visitors.

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

MINUTES: Moved by Hughson (with a reminder that she was not in attendance at the August meeting), **seconded** by Robinson to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2016 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

ASSESSOR – DIANE DOWLER: Our L-4029 has been prepared for the year and was presented to the board for signature. There is no roll-back this year so the Township will still collect the 1 mill for operating expenses. The 2.25 mils for Fire and MFR services will also stay as is this year. Field work is in progress.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAM WASHBURN: There is a new Director of Veterans Benefits Counseling (go-to person for veterans), Natrenah Blackstock. She is an active reserve member and will be available to assist Clinton County Veterans with their needs and concerns. The Greenhaven Youth Facility has been working on major renovations and when complete will be a lot more user friendly and better for youth and county liability. This program is coming “in-house” and will be overseen by Judge Sullivan and County employees as the company overseeing this in past years has declined to continue their contract. Greenhaven is joint funding project between the State and the County. In the past there have been issues at the fairgrounds, these are being worked on and seem to stem from communication issues. Volunteers can be assured that every single County Commissioner appreciates everyone that volunteers their time as the fair could not run without volunteers. At the present time the Board of Commissioners are waiting for a request from the Fair Board regarding repairs and improvements needed to Smith Hall. The Hall holds an average of three meetings a week and Commissioners are completely on board with improvements needed.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Review and approval of budget is tabled this month as more information needs to be gathered this next week from the accountants regarding needed book-backs.

FINANCIAL REPORT: 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 \$406,967.26; Tax Deposit Account \$17,200.46; Tax Disbursement Account \$1,918.26; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$211.04 see attached). **Motion carried.**

BILLS: Moved by Hughson, **seconded** by Robinson to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9735 through #9746 totaling \$10,569.54 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEES:

LIBRARY – NANCY HUGHSON: No meeting in August. County Library Board has not met yet.

PARKS & REC – ARLENE PESIK: Improvements to the Dugouts were approved and will commence prior to next season.

OMESA: The new fire truck is supposed to be here in time for the Carriage Days parade. The old truck is being sold to a Northern Michigan Municipality for \$25,000 minus the 10% brokerage firm fee. The Chief has been authorized to bid on a Medical Rescue Vehicle (an equipped pick-up truck). The ambulance has been re-lettered and re-equipped for Medical First Response (MFR), as of September 1 our MFR service is up and running! Two new support people have joined the fire department to create on-going training so our people are properly cross-trained – these additions will also be available for shift work. The department is getting eight new sets of turn-out gear for our new additions. A recent work session drafted new Articles of Incorporation to change OMESA over to an MFR system, all entities have the month to review before they are acted on at the next meeting. Supervisor Palen indicated he will be following through with CAASA on the status of the Township joining as an official authority member.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Walker Road by St. Clair Road is being torn up by sewage (fertilizer) trucks coming in and out of fields on the north side of Walker. Deep ruts are being left and gravel is being torn up. Supervisor Palen will investigate.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

Adjourn 8:05 p.m. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Hughson

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