

**OVID TOWNSHIP  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 6, 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, Trustee Randy Montague, and Trustee Nancy Hughson. Absent: Treasurer Casie Chunko. Also present: approximately 7 visitors.

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

**MINUTES: Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Hughson to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2015 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Moved** by Montague, **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 \$405,250.97; Tax Deposit Account \$1,090.65; Tax Disbursement Account \$0.00; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$506.10 (see attached). Summer tax collection hours remain 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 Montague, **seconded** by Hughson to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9486 through #9508 totaling \$123,838.30 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

**COMMITTEES:**

**CEMETERY:** Nothing new to report.

**OMESA:** There were 9 fire runs for June (77 for the year), and 47 ambulance runs (23 BLS, 22 ALS, 2 non-transport) for a total of 282 for the year. The Red Cross will be giving away smoke alarms during Carriage Days. EMS collection at Ovid Healthcare has improved: there is a new Director at the facility who came from the Detroit area and is very happy with our response time and service. Chairman Semans has called a meeting on August 24, 2015 at 7 pm to address the minimum wage increase. The audit draft has been presented to the board and will be reviewed at the August meeting.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAM WASHBURN:** The Director of Community Mental Health has taken a new job and the board, of which Mr. Washburn is chairman, is seeking a replacement. The position has been offered to a candidate and they are waiting on her acceptance. The County Audit has been received and filed and was excellent. The firm the County uses conducts audits on  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Counties in the State and has indicated that he has never seen a County as sound as Clinton. There have been some changes in zoning laws regarding the 10 acre minimum split consideration. Now the parent parcel must be 20 acres or larger to apply for the exemption (i.e. to pull a home and small parcel of land off farm property). There have been several issues with the Rails to Trails project such as pedestrians not stopping at crossings. Please be aware of conditions around these trail heads.

**ASSESSOR – DIANE DOWLER:** Presented our L-4029 for this year and obtained signatures from board members. There is a FEMA Map amendment for a resident on St. Clair Road. The Township's followup assessing review is August 27, 2015 at with time our District Representatives will conduct the assessment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A resident had questions and concerns regarding tax collection hours and procedures. Also had questions on the Village to City issue.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

Adjourn 9:00 p.m. **Moved** by Robinson. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle M. Robinson, Clerk

Gregory Palen, Supervisor