

**OID TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 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, Trustee Randy Montague. Absent: Treasurer Casie Chunko and Trustee Nancy Hughson. Also present: approximately six visitors.

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

**MINUTES: Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Robinson to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2016 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET: Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Robinson to table any budget amendments needed until next month's meeting as several expenses should really be adjusted and reflected in last fiscal year's budget and the accountant needs to be consulted. **Motion carried**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Winter tax collection is completed. **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 \$473,695.94; Tax Deposit Account \$5136.21; Tax Disbursement Account \$0.00; Del Personal Property Tax Account \$2953.45 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

**BILLS: Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Robinson to approve payment of the bills as presented using checks #9626 through #9648 totaling \$11,558.17 (see attached). **Motion carried.**

**COMMITTEES:**

**CEMETERY:** No new news to report. **Moved** by Robinson, **seconded** by Montague to send a letter to Maple Grove Cemetery regarding the Township's immediate intention to withdraw from the Association due to the realignment of City boundaries, with the recent Village to City changes, placing the entire cemetery within City boundaries and no longer within Ovid Townships boundaries. **Roll Call Vote:** Robinson, yes; Montague, yes; Palen, yes; Chunko, absent; Hughson, absent. **Motion carried.**

**OMESA:** The Fire Department had six runs, making 22 year to date. The ambulance had 30 transports, 25 BLS, 5 ALS, and 1 non-transport; bringing the year to date total to 168. Both ambulances are running well and transports from Ovid Healthcare are down.

Chief Pease has stated his intention of resigning his position. The Chief is having a hard time staffing our BLS ambulance with 2 men 24/7 – citing minimum wage as the issue. Younger members are gaining their experience here and moving on. Members with other jobs are waiting until the last minute then calling in for their shift or simply “no-shows” as they can make more money at their other positions. Chief Pease would like to disband our BLS service and contract out to CAFR, of which they have already had conversations. CAFR is not only willing to be Ovid Townships contractor but Middlebury's as well. One thought is to outfit one of our ambulances as ALS and keep it at the County line for quick access. Would also have all OMESA's fire personnel cross-trained as EMS (all expect 4-5 personnel already are) then our fire department could still be a first responder to stabilize until ALS-EMS arrive. There is a special meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday April 8 regarding this issue. The board is working on the new Articles of Incorporation for OMESA and after

Attorney Brown reviews the document it will be passed onto the respective member boards for review and comment. The goal is to have the new Articles in place at the July 2016 meeting, then work on the Bylaws. As Dave Dunham is no longer attending the OMESA meetings as Ovid Townships representative the board asked Arlene Pesik if she would be interested in taking over his spot until the Articles of Incorporation are complete. Mrs. Pesik agreed.

**ASSESSOR – DIANE DOWLER:** March Board of Review went very well. Ms. Dowler would like to thank our BOR members and note that the two new members did great! This was a slow year with 11 appeals, 5 of which were disabled veterans. There were three in-person appeals. Everything is back from County Equalization with no mileage roll-back. This year's assessable value of the township is \$104,541,785.00 and the taxable value is \$68,935,418.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** All public comments were tied to discussions.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** 2016-17 Road Commission projects were reviewed. **Moved** by Montague, **seconded** by Robinson to authorize all road commission recommended projects for a total of \$93,072.00. **Motion carried.** Budget clean-up was done with resolutions presented by Clerk Robinson to approve the salary structure for 16-17 and meeting schedule. Each stayed the same as previous years. **Roll Call** Vote to approve the township salary structure for 16-17: Palen, yes; Montague, yes; Robinson, yes; Chunko, absent; Hughson, absent. **Resolution passed.** **Roll Call** Vote to approve the 16-17 township meeting schedule: Montague, yes; Palen, yes; Robinson, yes; Chunko, absent; Hughson, absent. **Resolution passed.** The advertisement for 2016 lawn care will be placed in The Weekly with sealed bids to be opened at our regular May meeting.

Adjourn 9:10 p.m. **Moved** by Robinson

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