



OID TOWNSHIP

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TREASURER: Nancy J. Hughson

TRUSTEES: Patricia Hibbard
Bobby Byles

PROPOSED MINUTES OF OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING - JULY 25, 2024

The regular Board Meeting of the Ovid Township Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Supervisor with the Pledge to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy J. Hughson, Trustee Patricia Hibbard, Trustee Bobby Byles

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Keith Jones, John Daniel, Woody Woodworth, Peggy Lidgard, Gary Criner, Robert Sauer, Bob Meredith, Lionel & Robin Olson, Connie Kioski, Gary Kioski

AGENDA:

Clerk Claudia commented she would like to amend the Agenda and add to the "Amend and Approve Budget" item, \$5 to GL #101-265-932, Water Testing.

This GL number was over by five dollars. The total from unallocated funds would be \$1,615.05.

Moved by Trustee Pat to accept the Agenda as amended, Seconded by Treasurer Nancy. All in favor, Motion carried.

PROPOSED MINUTES FROM JUNE 27, 2024, BOARD MEETING:

Moved by Trustee Pat that we approve the June 27, 2024, minutes, as submitted, Seconded by Trustee Bobby. All in favor, Motion carried.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Nancy provided the Board with the June 2024 financials, the June monthly income received report, bank balances, along with the supporting bank statements as of June 30, 2024, and the corresponding bank reconciliations for each month's bank statement.

Huntington Bank Account Balances:

General Fund bank balance is \$226,823.59

Payroll account balance is \$4,307.23

Delinquent Property bank balance is \$493.47

Michigan Class:

General Fund is \$249,644.05

Emergency Services is \$137,649.54

ARPA – \$127,419.27

Mercantile Bank Account Balances:

Emergency Services account is \$53,326.36

ARPA Account is \$40,339.89

Journey Federal Credit Union Balances:

Tax account balance is \$789.67

Cemetery account balance is \$11,943.91

Treasurer Nancy will be taking her first tax disbursement to the County by Monday. Treasurer Nancy also explained the Emergency Services (EMS) funds that are held here. We have two accounts. One is Mercantile and one is Michigan Class. This money can only be spent on Emergency Services, which is ambulance and fire, not just fire. Since that money has been in Michigan Class, as of June, we have earned interest of \$6,412.77. It's around \$3,000 a year interest. It's fire and ambulance, if there are any questions pertaining to that.

Moved by Trustee Pat to approve the Treasurer's report, as submitted, subject to audit, Seconded by Trustee Bobby. All in favor, Motion carried.

AMEND AND APPROVE BUDGET:

Moved by Clerk Claudia that we amend and approve the budget for GL # 101-266-822, Insurance – \$143; GL # 101-266-824, Training Classes – \$1,467.05; GL # 101-265-932, Water Testing – \$5, for a total of \$1,615.05, from unallocated funds, to cover the amount over budget, Seconded by Trustee Bobby. All in favor, Motion carried.

CLERK/BILLS – FOR APPROVAL:

Clerk Claudia supplied the Board with the Check Disbursement Report for this month's meeting.

The following are the banks and check numbers for approval:

Huntington Bank – Preauthorized by policy and approval, Check Numbers 11494-11502 and Check Numbers 11503-11505. Payroll Check Numbers 11506-11513, and EFTs.

Mercantile Bank – EMS – Check Number 1094, and **Journey Federal Credit Union – Cemetery** – Preauthorized by policy and approval, Check Number 1036.

The total for approval is \$22,283.89.

Moved by Trustee Pat to approve the Clerk’s check disbursement report, Seconded by Trustee Bobby. All in favor, Motion carried.

Clerk Claudia commented regarding Elections. There are 1,240 township clerk positions in the State of Michigan that are up for Election this year. There are 118 townships that have nobody running for clerk this year. Around 60% of clerks are not running again or have already resigned. There have been big changes to voting in the last few years that have impacted clerks’ job duties. Proposal 3 of 2018 and Proposal 2 of 2022 have added a tremendous amount of extra work. This is the first time in the history of Michigan there has been such a high turnover in the clerk positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rescue Me LawnCare – Lawn care work estimate:

Board discussion regarding the estimate we received for several things. Also discussed the lawn, grubs, moles, and spraying. Trustee Bobby suggested getting a price for spraying the grass. The Board decided to hold off on this until we get more information.

South Ovid Cemetery – Fence:

Board discussion regarding bids from DeWitt Fence Company and TWA Fence. Moved by Clerk Claudia that we approve the bid from DeWitt Fence Company for \$25,550, provided we have the correct number of gates, two walk through gates and the large drive through gate, to be taken out of ARPA funds, Seconded by Trustee Pat. Roll call vote was as follows:

Treasurer Nancy Hughson – **Yes**

Trustee Patricia Hibbard – **Yes**

Supervisor Jennings West – **Yes**

Trustee Bobby Byles – **Yes**

Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger – **Yes**

All in favor, Motion carried.

Trustee Bobby will call and make sure we have the correct number of gates.

Power Washing Building:

Trustee Bobby contacted some power washing companies, per Treasurer Nancy's request. Bids were from Clear Vision and Porter Power Washing. Board discussion. Moved by Trustee Bobby that we use Clear Vision for the amount of \$1,756.83, for power washing of the exterior building and the designated sidewalk, Seconded by Trustee Pat.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger – **Yes**

Trustee Bobby Byles – **Yes**

Supervisor Jennings West – **Yes**

Trustee Patricia Hibbard – **Yes**

Treasurer Nancy Hughson – **Yes**

All in favor, Motion carried.

Trustee Bobby will call the companies.

HON Table:

Trustee Bobby checked into getting another HON table to match the other Board tables. They don't make these particular ones anymore.

Reports and Updates Presented:

- Library – Trustee Patricia Hibbard
- OMESA – Treasurer Nancy Hughson
- CAASA – Supervisor Jennings West

NOTE: Board members received Library, OMESA & CAASA documents, via email, from the Board members who are on those boards.

- **Assessor's Report – Peggy Lidgard**
 - The July Board of Review had two Petitions for Poverty Exemptions, where they came to the March Board of Review for 2024, but both of them did not go to the Board of Review for 2023. The State changed their rules, so they were able to grant them their poverty exemptions for last year, and they both should get a refund.
 - For data verification, there are 270 parcels to do. Peggy has 130 of them done. Year-to-date there's 19 permits. For the data verification, there's 25 that Peggy has to go back and check. That will be done in the Fall.
 - Year-to-date there were 45 sales. Only six (6) of them are valid where it was an arms-length transaction. The other ones were trust or you give it to a family member, so there's really no sale price on it.

Public comments opened at 7:59 p.m.

Keith Jones

Connie Kioski

Public comments closed at 8:01 p.m.

Board Comments:

Trustee Pat addressed the public comment from Connie Kioski. The Library does not have room for more computers. Pat will let them know at the Library.

Treasurer Nancy clarified the OMESA money. On the tax roll, there's 2.25 mils that go to Emergency Services. In the OMESA Articles of Incorporation, they get 1.75 mils, so every March there's a check cut for 1.75 mils, and the rest is what's in the two accounts we have. CAASA sends a bill for what is owed to them, and it has gone up substantially since we've gone with them. Middlebury Township and the City of Ovid also have 2.25 mils on their tax bills. They also give 1.75, so they should have money sitting in accounts also.

Board Comments and Public Comments continuing back and forth.

Moved by Trustee Bobby that we adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Trustee Pat.
All in favor, Motion carried.

Supervisor Jennings adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk