

Middlebury Township

PO Box 622, Ovid, Michigan 48866

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Regular Meeting
7627 W. M-21, Ovid, MI
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order:

Supervisor Herendeen called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Board Members Present:

Supervisor Michael Herendeen, Clerk Susan Tomasek Swan, Treasurer Carolyn Stevens, and Trustee Gene Ruess

Guests Present: Guests were present: Colleen Ruess, Deputy Clerk, Jill Ruess, Deputy Treasurer, Mark Holley, Assessor, Gary Kiger, Dick Semans, and 2 other guests

Scheduled Comments:

Marlene Webster-Commissioner: was not present for the meeting

Public Comments: Opened at 7:02pm Closed at 7:04pm

Letter from Carl Chalker regarding the corner of Simpson and Austin Rds there is a Tv that has been there for 7 weeks.

Motion to Approve Agenda:

Tomasek-Swan made a motion to make an amendment to the agenda to add Daystarr, Call from Sumbera excavating, and Tree removal at the cemetery. Ruess seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays None Carried

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Ruess made a motion to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes as presented. Tomasek-Swan seconded the motion. With correction to take off Dick Semans as an attendee.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

Motion to approve Bills

Tomasek-Swan made a motion to approve bills from General Funds in the amount of \$7345.68 with checks # 5560-5575. Ruess seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

Communications:

MTA- meeting was at Owosso Two hall. About 30 people there. Dan McMaster presented info about the jail garden; John Plowman talked about the commissioners. By-laws are antiquated and they are looking to change/update those.

Library. Sherrys’s retirement is Sunday October 17, 2021 from 2pm-4pm.

OMESA- Routine meeting. Things are moving along. City of Ovid has paid their charges on time.

Clerk- SPED report.

Assessor- met with the seed corn building concerning their potential tax breaks. Took about an hour line-by-line and no longer wanted to contest the assessment. They would like to bag peat moss there in their building. There are a lot of things in the build that are not using. Assessor lowered tax assessment by \$50,000. The owners are looking to apply for some state grants/funding that will not cost the township anything. They need a letter from the board for support. The assessor thinks that it would be a good idea to help support them. they had never seen their assessment card before. Assessor gave them a copy to look at. There are 3 sales in the township this month. The township will be audited by the state sometime early next year.

Driveway- about another day of work out front.

Business:

1. **Insurance Renewal** – insurance packet emailed to board. Board approves to add terrorism cost and the non-monetary defense to the insurance policy.

Ruess makes a motion add terrorism and the non-monetary defense to the insurance policy. Herendeen seconded motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

Tomasek-Swan makes a motion to have supervisor sign the new insurance add-ons. Herendeen seconded motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

2. **Snow Plow**

2 lawn care estimates. One from Monroe Lawn Care and one from CDL Services LLC.

Herendeen motions to go with Monroes Lawn Care. Stevens seconded motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

Herendeen makes a motion to have clerk sign the contract with Monroe Lawn Care. Ruess seconded motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

3. **Mr. Sumbera-2/3 acres**

Joe Sumbera would like to buy the 2-3 acres that use to be the Township Dump but does not want to be liable for what is underneath the soil. If not, he would like to build a berm. Sumbera would pay acre price for the property.

4. **Daystarr**

Jeff not available for today's meeting. Contact with Daystarr. The install for here at the township hall. Voice over internet and internet for the township hall.

5. **Tree estimates for cemetery**

Matt got an estimate for the trees at the cemetery from Out On a Limb Tree service. They are the only company that returned calls about the tree estimates. Discussion about getting more estimates. Suggestion of JJ Excavating Tree Service.

Final Comments: Opened at 8:14pm Closed at 8:17pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Adjourned at 8:18pm

Supervisor Herendeen motions to adjourn the meeting. Tomasek-Swan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

Without objection the Supervisor Herendeen adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

Next meeting November 9, 2021 at 7:00pm

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Colleen Ruess
Deputy Clerk