

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Ovid Village Board for June 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM, in the Community Room of the Firehouse.

Present: Mayor Aaron Roisen, Trustees James Rappleye, Ken Favreau, Dave Wood, Gary Covert; Clerk-Treasurer Joan Hendrix; Superintendent of Public Works Michael Snyder, Village Attorney Steven Getman, Fire Chief Tim Westlake, and other interested citizens

A motion made by Trustee Rappleye, seconded by Trustee Covert, approved by all, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Petitioners: Mary Lisa Strassheim introduced herself and spoke of her business HipCrop, which produces premium cannabis products (see presentation attached). Ms. Strassheim and her partner Dave Borisoff, recently purchased Gabriel Law Office building with the intent to open a dispensary if the village should repeal the local law preventing such businesses. Ms. Strassheim answered questions from both the Village Board and village residents and business owners.

Attorney Getman outlined the procedure to allow dispensaries: repealing the local law that prohibits it now. That would open the door for other dispensaries also (i.e. cannot allow one but not others). Village can establish some zoning controls before repealing the law. Recommends the village wait until after the Village comprehensive plan is completed to make a decision on the local law d.

Gary Xavier, on behalf of the Ovid LDC, asked if the village would consider covering insurance needed to install the Revitalize Ovid banners. Brackets to hold banners discussed. Clerk Hendrix will contact the village insurance agent for more information.

Sally Tillinghast introduced herself, and presented her concerns of a dispensary in Ovid, along with concerns from other residents and business owners.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION: Comprehensive Plan Survey is available. They are available at the Village Office. July 3 is deadline with presentation or results/public workshop July 9.

CLERKS/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial reports and copy of reserves distributed. Reserve fund for sidewalks has been established and will forward proof of that fund to DASNY per grant.

NEW BUSINESS: FEMA flood plain discussed as the mayor was asked to fill out paperwork. Was decided it is a town issue

OLD BUSINESS: None

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Paving on Orchard & Brown Street completed and stone driveways tied in. Met with NYSEG engineer and Mike Westervelt on Depot Road pump station and Christmas lights. Engineer indicated that NYSEG may install the triplex for Christmas lights for us. Once panel built for pump station NYSEG will change the power/wiring to 3 phase for the new pump installation. Received 2 bids for tree removal needed: Limb Walkers all 3 trees for \$5000. Finger Lakes Forestry was almost \$12,000. Motion made by Trustee Rappleye, seconded by Trustee Wood to accept the Limb Walker quote. Approved by all. Quotes for sewer for new house on E. Seneca St have been requested, with 1 received. John Keenan has shown interest in tying into the sewer at the same time for the former Mary Wilkins property. Playground equipment repair completed. DPW Justin Reed has been working on the fire department's 911 Memorial and did a great job! New threshold for village office door is ordered, but today with the heat the ground has heaved and door doesn't close again.

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief presented his report. See attached.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Favreau informed of a possible flock camera at corner near Pats Pizzeria. A couple quotes received for side by side. Attorney Getman suggested we confirm whether it is on state bid. Summer Hours for DPW discussed and decided on 9 hour days plus Friday morning, and weekend mornings. Approved by village board.

RESOLUTION by Trustee Rappleye seconded by Trustee Covert and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the vouchers 809 to 829 for \$117,795.68, which have been submitted for payment and audited by the Board, be approved for payment.

Mayor Roisen moved into an executive session to discuss pending or possible litigation. No action was taken during or from executive session.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved by all.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm by Mayor Roisen.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Hendrix, Clerk-Treasurer

-May 26': 14 calls, 157:42 hrs. -YTD 26': 80 calls, 830:40 hrs.

(Highlights: All minor calls)

Apparatus/Equipment/Members/Building:

- Donation of New Battery powered Reciprocating saw
- Purchased Battery for donated saw and 2 Impacts with Batteries
- Replacing some Water cans and Fire Extinguishers
- Replaced Pack Tracker Battery
- Purchased new batteries for all Portable Radios
- Still awaiting JPB on repairs for 1131

Apparatus Replacement:

- Bid for 2nd Utility P/U purchase
- Grant for New Rescue Pumper

Events:

- 40th Annual Strawberry Festival June 13, Fireworks 12th @ The Pumpkin Stand
- July 3rd Fireworks detail at Seneca Lake Resorts
- Full swing of Parade season

Budget:

- NYS DEC Grant- Fulfilled
- NYS VFF Grant, requesting new Turnout Gear Washer/Extractor. (August ?)
- FEMA Grant X2 Apparatus & Turnout Gear is with Grant writer
- Evaluation of budgetary requirements and writing a Budget increase proposal to the Towns of Ovid & Romulus for 2027-2028 year

Village Of Ovid Meeting Notes
submitted by Lisa Strassheim of HipCrop

June 10, 2026

Hello neighbors! It is a pleasure to see new and familiar faces here tonight. For those of you that I haven't met yet - Hello - my name is Lisa Strassheim. I was born and raised in Buffalo and have been a resident of the Finger Lakes since the 80's when I moved to Ithaca to attend Cornell University. During my time at Cornell, I earned a degree in Animal Science and then worked as a research scientist for 20 years practicing molecular virology. In 2006, to spend more time with my daughter, I pivoted to a career in real estate and formed a real estate brokerage firm of my own: Homes of Ithaca. In 2018, I also began legally farming cannabis in New York State, where I've been duly licensed by the state since 2019.

I'm here tonight with my partner, David Borisoff, who has been in the Finger Lakes community since 1994. David is the founder and owner of HipShot, an American manufacturing company that designs and produces high-quality guitar and bass hardware. Headquartered in Interlaken, HipShot is widely recognized for its innovative string benders, tuning machines, and bridges used by custom builders and major instrument brands alike. David is also a local landlord who invests in Ovid by rehabilitating vintage and distressed properties into rental apartments.

As proven business owners who love, live, and invest in Ovid, we are thrilled to share our latest endeavor with you: HipCrop. Our village is proudly defined by the Finger Lakes tradition: world-class agriculture, tight-knit community values, and a thriving craft beverage economy driven by estate wineries. Today, I am asking you to view my state-licensed cannabis microbusiness as a direct extension of that exact same agricultural heritage.

HipCrop focuses on high-quality, sustainable, small-batch production of premium cannabis products. As a licensed seed-to-sale microbusiness, HipCrop functions exactly like a boutique farm winery, mandating a strict, small-scale 'seed-to-sale' model. We cultivate our own plants, dry and cure the harvest, and package the finished product. We are local farmers creating a craft, artisanal product. With the support of this incredible community, we aim to provide premier cannabis products to locals and travelers of the Finger Lakes region for many years to come.

Thank you all for being here, and I would be happy to spend the next few minutes answering questions and providing additional information. Would anybody like to kick off with a question?