

**OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**August 10, 2015**

**Regular Board Meeting**

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, August 10, 2015

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor, Robbi Omo, Clerk, Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer, Larry Omo, Trustee, Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 11 guests.

The Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Sue Miller at 7:30 P.M.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by L. Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** L. Omo asked that a reporting error be removed from the Correspondence section of the minutes from the July 13, 2015. The specific error stated that L. Omo, Greg Gemmil, Ron Sampsel would be attending a Michigan Public Service Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015. Sampsel made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction from the July 13, 2015 meeting. Supported by Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** AcMoody stated that phone service provider, Frontier, had double-billed the township for the month of July, with identical charges showing up on July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>. AcMoody notified Frontier of the problem, and a Frontier representative stated that the problem would be corrected. Miller placed the Treasurer's Report on file.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Don Vrablic presented a letter from Dr. David Fuchs of the Community Health Center of Branch County praising the work of local EMS crews in saving the life of a motorcyclist who was critically injured after being hit by a passing truck. Dr. Fuchs wrote that the exceptional work of the Lakeland Fire Department and the EMS crew saved the man from likely bleeding to death. Dr. Fuchs stated the emergency responders are highly qualified and professional and asked for them to be recognized for their outstanding service to the community.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Junk Complaint at 404 Warren Road follow up.** Miller stated that members of the Eichmann family were unable to attend the board meeting in person, and that they had submitted a written report to update the board on efforts to clean up the property at 404 Warren Road. The Eichmann's letter stated a person is working to remove the RV and salvage it. If the person is unable to remove the RV, then the vehicle will be stripped in place. The truck and trailer have been moved, and the Eichmann's stated they will continue to work towards resolution of the complaint. L. Omo stated that there have been efforts to clean up the property, but that he noticed a tractor loader is also out in the yard and suggested that a letter be sent asking the Eichmann's for another update on the situation in 30 days. Miller stated she would write and send the Eichmanns a follow up letter.

- B. Zoning violation update at 477 East Pearl Road - Kemp.** Miller stated that she spoke with the Ovid Township attorney, Joe Haas, on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Hass stated that Mr. Kemp had appeared for a preliminary hearing in district court. Mr. Kemp and the judge were unable to come to a resolution at the hearing, and the court will now set a trial date. Hass advises the township continue with the legal process in this matter. Mr. Kemp is due back in circuit court on various charges soon. Hass stated he will update the township board on a trial date. Miller reiterated that Kemp could avoid trial by either acquiring the required permit or removing the ramp that was constructed without a permit. L. Omo asked if the township would be reimbursed for the legal expenses incurred in the case. Miller stated that the township might be able seek legal fees in the case and that she would discuss the matter with the township's attorney.
- C. Junk Complaint update for 661 East Central Road.** Miller stated the home at 661 East Central Road has been razed and the property has been thoroughly cleaned up. The issue can be closed. Miller stated that the property is now listed for sale.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Request to split lot in platted subdivision in Shady Oaks Subdivision No. 3.** Miller stated the parties involved have a proposed purchase agreement that will take place only if the township board approves the land split. The plan would divide 553 Willow Drive, a 35 foot lot, into two lots of 17.5 feet. The property owners adjacent on each side, 555 Willow Drive and 551 Willow Drive, would then purchase the new lots and have them added to their existing properties. The added property would make 555 Willow Drive and 551 Willow Drive both into lots measuring 52.5 feet. L. Omo said the split seemed like a good idea. Miller asked when the mobile home would be removed from the property. The proposed buyers stated the mobile home would be removed immediately after closing. Immediately after closing on the property sale. L. Omo asked if the sewer tap would be closed off. The proposed buyers stated they would like to sell it, but that they must first discuss the issue with the drain commission, and that discussion has not yet taken place. L. Omo made a motion to approve the split. Motion was supported by Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Christine Forrister wanted to make the township board aware that the golf course owner has made a new ramp for carts off of Par 3 place. She further stated that there is supposed to be no golf cart traffic past the split rail fence. There have been many people violating the rules. Per Christine Forrister, the owner stated that he feels there is nothing wrong with that. The Road Commission and The Sheriff's Department both said there would be no access from Par 3 place. More golf cart traffic is going through the area. Mrs. Forrister also stated that there are already swimming issues and trespassing issues, and expressed that it is a difficult situation. She plans to go to the Planning Commission next month.

#### **REPORTS:**

**ZONING-**Russ Jennings submitted the zoning report for July. He had 11 permits Busy for the season. ZBA Meeting Thursday Sept. Rezoning hearing for Toby Mathias for a portion of land on Treasure Cove

ASSESSING-Melissa Lane the July board of review was the 21<sup>st</sup>. Heard back from Michigan Tax Tribunals for appeals on Barton issue; ruled in favor of Ovid Township. Last training coming for new software – will be set for 2016 tax year.

DPW-Paul Winbigler. NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Don Vrablic. Discussed Strategic planning, planned energy savings program, reduced revenues, boater safety, Tire recycling.

CEMETARY SEXTON: Sexton George Baker delivered the sexton report with burial information and report regarding condition of cemeteries, including downed tree. Sue Miller requested that he get a quote for tree removal.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DEQ - John Arver of Arver Farms - For water well for the months of June, July, and August

Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for Customers of Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Michigan Public Service Commission at 7109 West Saginaw Highway Lansing, MI

EZ Transparency, Woodbury, NJ – A software company that provides tools for township websites

Summer 2015 of Pipeline Awareness

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – Deborah Severason bee nest follow up

ADJOURNMENT: Sampsel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M., supported by AcMoody.  
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk  
Minutes Prepared by Charlotte Knisely