

**OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**January 13, 2014**

**Regular Board Meeting**

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, January 13, 2014.

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Larry Omo, Trustee; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; and Ron Sampsel, Trustee.  
Absent: Nancy Price, Treasurer. Also in attendance were 9 guests.

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller at 7:30 P.M.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Larry Omo. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MINUTES:** Sue Miller made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes from December 9, 2013 as amended, supported by Ron Sampsel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sue Miller asked if everyone reviewed the Treasurer's Report and if there were any questions or comments. Upon having no questions or comments, Sue Miller stated that the Treasurer's Report would be placed on file.

Sue Miller made a motion to prepay the 2014 Orkin Service invoice for \$667.95, supported by Larry Omo. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Senator Bruce Caswell addressed the Board and guests on a variety of items including changes to the Michigan recall laws, streamlining the tax appeal process, the State budget, and the school financial situation. He reviewed the partial personal property tax elimination and the impact on local government. The voters of Michigan will have the opportunity at the August 2014 election to vote on a proposal that would dedicate a portion of the Michigan use tax to reimburse local government units for about 80% revenue they will no longer collect because of the personal property tax elimination.

Sheriff Pollack addressed the Board and guests on the December statistics for his department, the Shop with a Cop program, the recent snow storm and his appointment to serve on the Small Rural Sheriff's Office Committee of the National Sheriff's Association.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Board members were reminded that the second Budget Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. The Board reviewed the letter submitted for a Junk Complaint at 469 Blue Bird Drive. Sue Miller stated that the property owner who submitted the complaint stopped in her office on Friday and discussed his concerns. At that time she informed him that with the recent winter storms and accumulated snow that the Board would probably not take action at the January meeting. The Board tabled the complaint until the February meeting.
- B. The Board discussed the Contractual Clerical Position along with a general overview of the position and the hourly pay for attending the meetings and transcribing the minutes as follows:
  - Attends the Township, the Planning Commission and the ZBA Board meetings.
  - Prepares minutes within the timeframe requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

- Receives \$15 per hour to attend the actual meeting. There is a one-hour minimum, with additional time rounded to the next ½ hour interval
- Receives \$25 per hour transcription fee for transcribing and preparing the minutes for each meeting attended. A one-hour minimum is paid for transcribing, with additional time rounded to the next ½ hour interval.
- Submits draft minutes to the appropriate Board Secretary along with an invoice for services.

Judy Sabaitis made a motion that Charlotte Knisely is selected for the clerical contractual position, supported by Sue Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Possible position on the Planning Commission. Sue Miller stated that Merle Donbrock is not interested in reappointment to the Planning Commission. Several names for the Planning Commission were discussed including Chris Donbrock, Lloyd Barrows and Mark Beurle. The three names will be forwarded to the Planning Commission to consider along with other interested applicants. It is the responsibility of the Planning Commission to select a candidate and forward their recommendation to the Ovid Township Board for approval and appointment.
- D. Board of Review position open. Sue Miller stated that Chris Donbrock is no longer interested in serving on the Board of Review. She stated that at the present time there are no applicants to consider and recommended that the Township Board advertise for the position and to also consider adding an alternate member. The Board agreed to advertise in the Shopper’s Guide for the current open Board of Review position and an alternate member.

Larry Omo made a motion to reappoint Greg Gemmill and Jim Miko to the Board of Review, supported by Ron Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

Larry Omo made a motion to appoint Greg Gemmill to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 2-year term and Don Vrablic as the alternate member, supported by Ron Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

ZONING – Russ Jennings submitted the December monthly and the 2013 Annual Zoning Report. He updated the Board on the zoning violation at 579 Pearl Beach Road and that he is working with the property owners to correct the violation.

ASSESSING – Sue Miller stated the tentative 2014 ratio for residential property is 1.0328 or approximately a 3% increase for the overall value of the residential class. The tentative 2014 ratio for agricultural property is 1.085 or approximately an 8 ½% increase for the overall value of tillable and non-tillable agricultural class.

DPW – No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – Don Vrablic presented the County Commissioner’s report including the following subjects:

- New Board and Organizational Meeting
- Winter Storm
- 2014 Budget
- Pension Transition
- Road funding and the Athens Road Bridge

Road Commission vehicles

CEMETERY SEXTON – George Baker reported that there were 3 burials and gave an update on removing the trees recently damaged by wind in the Lockwood and Sorter Cemeteries. He also stated there three additional trees that need to be removed in the Lockwood Cemetery.

CORRESPONDENCE – Charter Annual Report

ADJORNMENT: Larry Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 P.M., supported by Sue Miller.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis  
Ovid Township Clerk