

**OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**July 14, 2014**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR SHADY OAKS SUBDIVISION WEED CONTROL**

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday July 14, 2014.

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; Ron Sampsel, Trustee; and Larry Omo, Trustee. Also in attendance were 15 guests.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Sue Miller at 7:00 P.M.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. Review Petition from property owners of Shady Oaks Subdivision to create a special assessment district for weed control.
  - Sue Miller reviewed the petition to create a special assessment district for weed control for Shady Oaks Subdivision. The petition was signed by 72% of the total parcels. There are 207 parcels in the special assessment district.
- B. Sue Miller reviewed the ~~2015~~ 2014 estimated cost, \$10,892 or \$52.62 per parcel. Miller stated that once the district is created, the cost will be on the 2014 Winter Tax Bill. She further explained that as the cost may vary in future years, the Township Board requests that Shady Oaks annually informs the township of the cost for weed control.
- C. Public Comment – Several questions and comments were shared regarding the areas covered, types of chemicals used and weed control results.
- D. Sue Miller closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 P.M.

**Regular Board Meeting**

Sue Miller called the Regular Board Meeting to order directly following the Public Hearing.

AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Omo, supported by Sabaitis.  
MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: A motion to approve minutes as presented from the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting was made by Sampsel, supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Miller made a motion to pay the Michigan Mineral invoice for \$5,020.40, supported by Sabaitis.  
MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rochelle Ray introduced herself as a candidate for State Representative and shared her experience and qualifications for the position.

Sheriff Pollack reviewed his Department's Report for June. The report included uniformed services, marine patrol, and corrections.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Miller updated the Board on the zoning violation at 401 Sunny Shores Drive. A Municipal Civil Infraction ticket was issued and the Branch County Sheriff Department served the required paperwork. The court date is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. in District Court.
- B. **MUTE SWAN MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL PROGRAM RESOLUTION**  
Jim Schrock, Brad Rupp and Dennis Babjack representing the lake associations addressed the Board on the mute swan issues and their request for the Board to consider the Management and Control Program Resolutions. After a lengthy discussion, the Board tabled action on the Mute Swan Control Program Resolutions.
- C. **BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING UPDATE**
  - Bruce Knisely recently installed the drop box.
  - Tabled action on Building Maintenance quote as Bruce Knisely is unable to attend tonight's meeting
  - Motion by Omo to purchase a lateral filing cabinet for the Treasurer's office from Taylor's at a cost of \$549 delivered, seconded by Miller. **MOTION CARRIED.**
  - Motion by Miller, seconded by Sampsel, to accept Baker Lawn Care's quote of \$2,500 to remove bushes/rocks and haul away, move landscaping back, install new underlayment, replace rocks, and move large rock. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR SHADY OAKS SUBDIVISION WEED CONTROL.**
  - Miller made a resolution to create a Special Assessment District for Weed Control for Shady Oaks Subdivision, supported by AcMoody.  
Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:  
Aye: Sampsel, Miller, Sabaitis, AcMoody and Omo  
Nay: None  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- B. **POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL TRESS REMOVAL IN LOCKWOOD CEMETERY**  
After discussing the aging and dying trees in Lockwood Cemetery, the Board requested that Baker Lawn Care obtain quotes to remove 4 trees for the next Board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

- A. **ZONING** –Russ Jennings issued 12 permits for the month of June. A discussion was held on the Court Hearing for 401 Sunny Shores Drive and the status of the complaint for operating an unlicensed campground.
- B. **ASSESSING** – Sue Miller stated that the July Board of Review meets Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 6 P.M. She also reported attending 3 tax tribunal hearings last Friday.
- C. **DPW – PAUL WINBIGLER** - No Report

D. COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Don Vrablic presented the County Commissioner Report including the following subjects:

CHC Strategic Partnership  
Joint Workforce Development Agreement  
2013 Audit  
Personal Property Tax  
Coldwater State Park

E. CEMETERY SEXTON – GEORGE BAKER. – George Baker stated the only update is that recently there have been numerous holes dug in the Lockwood Cemetery by a dog/dogs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DEQ – John Stock

DEQ – Robert & Denise Schmidt Permit #14-12-0013-P and #14-12-0011-P

DEQ – Ronal Horner

ADJOURNMENT: Larry Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 P.M., supported by Sabaitis.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis, Ovid Township Clerk