

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

June 11, 2012

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, June 11, 2012. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; and Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 6 guests.

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the May 14, 2012 Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer's report was presented including payment of bills. The Board approved the reports and placed them on file.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Whitney introduced herself as a candidate for Branch County Treasurer and shared her experience and qualifications for the position.

Kirk Kashian introduced himself as a candidate for Branch County Probate Court Judge and shared his experience and qualifications for the position.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller, that the Two Fellers Tree Service quote for \$1,050 to remove one tree at Wilson Cemetery and two trees at Rose Lake public access is approved. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed two quotes to patch and sealcoat the Township Hall, Branch County Road Commission's bid is \$3,311 and Excell Paving Plus is \$1,690. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Excell Paving quote is approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that 50% of the Excell Paving bid or \$845 is approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the request for partial termination under PA 116 to release 1.57 acres, house and outbuildings for Lee and Nancy Price and Steve and Sherry Norton. Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the partial termination request for the above owners, PA#12-37469-123122, is approved as presented.

Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

AYE: Omo, Sampsel, Miller, Price, Sabaitis

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the Joan Soder Trust request to split lots in a platted subdivision on Iyopawa Island. The request includes ½ of Lot 2, Lots 3, 4, and 5. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to obtain a legal opinion on the lot split and to table action until next month's meeting.

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 680 Lighthouse Drive. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that a letter be sent to the property owner with an invitation to attend the July Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 416 W. Russell Drive. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Judy Sabaitis, that a letter be sent to the property owner with an invitation to attend the July Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board discussed establishing a wage compensation rate for a qualified temporary fill-in for the Zoning Administrator. Motion by Judy Sabaitis seconded by Larry Omo, that a \$100 per diem is established for a qualified person to fill-in for the Zoning Administrator. The per diem is reimbursed for up to 2 days per week to cover the established zoning office hours. It is the responsibility of this person to complete and submit a pay request voucher. MOTION CARRIED.

Judy Sabaitis reviewed a payroll issue and requested technical assistance/support with QuickBooks. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that Abraham and Gaffney's technical support is utilized to assist with the correction. MOTION CARRIED.

The L4029 Tax Rate Request for Ovid Township was reviewed and signed by the Clerk and Supervisor to levy the allocated operating millage of 0.7502.

Public Comment: Judy Sabaitis shared that on June 20th from 1 to 4 PM an election training seminar is being held at the Ovid Township Hall. The Branch County Clerk's office is conducting the training seminar.

Reports:

Zoning – Russ Jennings reported eight permits issued in May and one ZBA request. Various zoning topics were discussed including the required setback for retaining walls on lake properties.

Assessing – Sue Miller shared that the BSA has updated its software to accommodate the PA 114 of 2012 requirements.

B.P.W. – Paul Winbigler reviewed the April 10, 2012 minutes. The next B.P.W. meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2012.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reviewed the Commissioner's Monthly Report including Emergency Management's early warning radios, methamphetamine clean-up trailer, marine patrol, additional patrol car, economic growth, potential tax cuts, and the Economic Summit.

Cemetery – No report.

Correspondence reviewed including DEQ water withdrawal for Fair Farms and Chad Carpenter Farm, Otis Farms' MAEAP Cropping System verification, the Prairie River Comment spring letter, Abraham and Gaffney and McKenna letters.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk