

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 10, 2010

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, May 10, 2010. 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 7 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 Larry Omo, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

John Pollack, Branch County Sheriff Department, reported on the Marine Patrol, the inmate population and various related issues.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the April 12, 2010 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. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the Liberty Propane invoice is approved in the amount of \$632.89. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Wayne and Kim Haylett addressed the Board regarding their request to plant flowering trees at Lockwood Cemetery. They stated that after discussing it with George Baker, Sexton, the family has planted the trees on their farm in their daughter's memory.

Wayne and Kim Haylett addressed the Board regarding the removal of a walnut tree next to the drive at the Township Hall. They wanted to go on record as opposing the removal of any walnut tree on the Township's property. They requested to be notified of future discussions related to the trees and that if any tree is sold or removed, that several bids be obtained.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Creative Web Design which includes posting of Township minutes and ordinances. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the Creative Web Design proposal be accepted as presented for a total of \$1,292.95. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 281 Quimby Road. Both parties associated with the property, John Merriman and William Coats were sent notification of the junk violation and were requested to attend the May Board meeting. Since neither party contacted Sue Miller or attended tonight's meeting, the Board agreed to start the junk violation process.

Sue Miller reviewed the request of John Burrows, President of Fiesta Shores Association to use the Township Hall on Saturday, June 5th at 10 A.M. for their association meeting. Sue Miller stated that she would be available on that date to unlock and relock the building. The Board discussed issues related to outside use of the building. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that only the June 5th meeting is approved to be held at the Township Hall. MOTION

CARRIED. The Board stated that it needs to look at developing a policy in the future.

The company requesting to be on the agenda for the possible purchase and removal of a walnut tree did not attend the meeting. No action taken.

The Board reviewed the newsletter draft that will be included in the summer tax notices.

Resolution by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the Branch County Road Commission's 2010 Dust Control/Gravel Stabilization Resolution is adopted as presented. The project includes 13.18 miles at a cost of \$625 for per mile for one application. The total cost is \$8,237.50.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that the Branch County Road Commission invoice for dust control is approved for \$8,237.50. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Branch County Road Commission's Construction Contract Resolution to grub, trim, clear and grade Lockwood Road from Centennial Road west a distance of .52 mile is adopted as presented. The total cost is \$9,000.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Branch County Road Commission invoice for 40% of the Lockwood Road construction project is approved for \$3,600. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller, that the Collection of Delinquent Person Property Taxes for 2009 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the condition of Sanford Road at the corner of Lockwood Road. The road has large chuck holes. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the Road Commission be contacted to put gravel on Sanford Road from the corner to just past the parking lot of the Lockwood Church. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

The Board reviewed the change in the Planning Commission's meeting schedule. The Commission will meet monthly only if there are agenda items to come before the Board, otherwise it will meet bi-monthly. Jim Mikolajczyk prepares the agenda and will handle the meeting notices and contacting the Planning Commission's members. Due to the primary and general elections, there will be a change in location of the Planning Commission meetings on August 3rd and November 2nd.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported eight permits were issued in April.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that her office turned in tax roll changes Friday in preparation of running the summer tax notices.

B.P.W. – Paul Winbigler presented the BPW 2009 Annual Report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reported on Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Marine Patrol, State mandates, Asian Carp in the Great Lakes and the smoke free workplace law.

Cemetery – George Baker reported one burial, new flags for veterans, urns and updating signs for the cemeteries.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk