

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 14, 2012

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, May 14, 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 8 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 presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the April 9, 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:

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

John Pollack introduced himself as a candidate for Branch County Sheriff and shared his experience and qualifications for the position.

Terry Norris introduced herself as a candidate for Branch County Probate Court Judge and shared her experience and qualifications for the position.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that the newsletter is approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board discussed the Branch County Road Commission's May 10th letter regarding the estimate to perform Hot Mix Asphalt wedging work on Grass Lake Road. The estimated cost is \$24,000, which will be applied to Ovid Township's maintenance account. The Board requested that Sue Miller contact the Road Commission to proceed with the prep work and to let them know that the Township Board wishes to review the repair work prior to completion.

Resolution by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that the Branch County Road Commission's 2012 Sealcoating Contract is adopted as presented. The project includes 7.21 miles at a cost of \$11,000 per mile for material. The total cost is \$79,310.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Branch County Road Commission payment for 50% of Sealcoating contract is approved for \$39,655. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, to approve the permit for Coldwater Lake's fireworks display issued to Melrose Pyrotechnics Inc. as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller, that the S & M Liquid Tire Fill Inc. Dust Control bid of \$200 per mile for 13.2 miles is approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation for a special use request submitted by Michael DeLong to construct a 65 foot amateur radio antenna at 130 S. Centennial Road. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the special use application for 130 S. Centennial Road is approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation for a special use request submitted by the Coldwater Schools for Lakeland School at 519 Otis Road. The request is for MapleNet Wireless Inc. to construct a 100 foot communications tower that will be used for wireless data network connection between Lakeland Elementary and Coldwater High School. A variance/waiver is requested for the landscaping requirements. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the special use application for the Coldwater Schools is approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Zoning – Russ Jennings reported eight permits issued in April, two special use and two ZBA requests. A ZBA meeting is scheduled June 7th for two additional variance requests.

Assessing – Sue Miller explained PA 114 of 2012 and the two significant changes for Principal Residence Exemption.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reviewed the Commissioner's Monthly Report including revenue sharing estimates, Sheriff's concerns, airport expansion, credit financing for CHC equipment purchases, MSP update and Homeland Security seminar.

Cemetery – George Baker reported that four grave sites were sold and that new flags and five veteran markers were purchased. A discussion was held on removing one tree in Wilson Cemetery and two trees at the public access. The Board requested that George Baker obtain quotes to remove the trees. The Board discussed possible placement of the donated rock at Lockwood Cemetery. Sue Miller requested that the Board review the cemetery maintenance article in the MTA May magazine and our Cemetery Ordinance.

The Board discussed that the parking lot needs patch work and sealcoating. Ron Sampsel and Larry Omo will contact Excel Paving and the Road Commission for quotes.

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