OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
May 12, 2014

Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, May 12, 2014

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor, Judy Sabaitis, Clerk, Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer, Larry Omo, Trustee, and Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 11 guests.

The Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Sue Miller at 7:30 P.M.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Sue Miller added L4029 2014 Tax Rate Request to New Business items. Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the amended agenda, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 14th meeting were amended by Sue Miller. Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, supported by Omo. 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.

The Board reviewed the line items for the budget amendment. Miller made a motion to approve budget amendments as presented including: $1,500 increase to the Clerk Capital Outlay Account, $1,000 increase for Treasurer's Supply Account, $1,500 increase for the Treasurer Capital Outlay Account, and a $4,000 decrease for the Branch County Road Commission Account. Sampsel supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Sabaitis reported the Hartleb Insurance Company reimbursed the township $1,150 (total cost was $1,400) related to the trees damaged at Sorter and Lockwood Cemetery.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Eric Leutheuser introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative and shared his experience and qualifications for the position.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Junk complaint at 469 Bluebird Drive – Fiesta Shores Follow Up.
   Miller stated the property owner has cleaned up the property and it is now in compliance.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2014 Sealcoating Contract with Branch County Road Commission for 6.27 Miles.
   Omo made a resolution to accept the sealcoating contract for 6.27 miles at a cost of $14,500 per mile, for a total cost of $90,915, supported by AcMoody. Roads included are: Lester Road (Legg-Quimby Road) 0.5 miles, Quimby Road (Central – Miller) 3.93 miles and Blackberry l.8 miles

   Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:
   Aye: Miller, Sabaitis, AcMoody, Sampsel and Omo

Nay: None
MOTION CARRIED.

B. Rose Lake Association Fireworks Permit
Greg Gemmill stated the Rose Lake Association would like to hold a fireworks display on July 26th. A copy of the insurance certificate was presented along with the application. Omo moved to approve the application. Supported by Miller. MOTION CARRIED

C. Dust Control – Michigan Mineral Resources, Inc
Miller outlined an upcoming proposal from Michigan Mineral Resources for dust control on township roads. At this point the plan includes 13.04 miles of roadway at 11 cents per gallon applied at 3,500 gallons per mile. Michigan Mineral Resources stated an additional 500 gallons per mile would be applied at no additional cost. The proposal is not yet complete.

D. Mute Swan Concerns and Information
Miller outlined safety issues reported with aggressive mute swans on area waterways. She explained the D.N.R. considers the mute swan species a threat to other local species and potentially plans to reduce or eliminate the mute swan population. The D.N.R. will hold a meeting on June 21st at the Quincy Gymnasium at a time yet-to-be announced.

E. Newsletter Draft
The Board reviewed and approved the newsletter draft.

F. L4029 2014 Tax Rate Request
Miller stated the millage request will be the same as 2013 at .7502 mils per 1,000. Sabaitis made a motion to approve the L4029 2014 Tax Rate Request, supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Pollack, Sheriff of Branch County, offered his report for the month of April. In addition to his report, Pollack described a current scam involving someone posing as a representative from the B.P.U. who requests payments via cash cards or gift cards. Pollack also mention a number of breaking and entering crimes committed recently in the area south of Bronson.

REPORTS:

ZONING-Russ Jennings presented the Zoning Report for the month of April. 8 permits were issued, 2 ZBA hearings were held and another ZBA meeting is scheduled for May 22nd.

The Board reviewed the violation at 401 Sunny Shore Drive where the owner has failed to move a non-compliant shed following several time extensions granted by the Township Board. Owner, Shirley Bodine, restated her original plans to remove an existing building on the property and then relocate the shed. The Board expressed their concern that the extensions previously granted have not resulted in the violation being corrected. The building has not been torn down and the shed has not been moved. Bodine explained to the Board she does not want to pay to move the shed twice. After a lengthy discussion of the situation, Sampsel made a motion that the owner is granted another 30-day extension

to move the shed. In addition Bodine is to report back to the Board at the next regular meeting with a progress report. Omo supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

ASSESSING-Miller stated that all assessing information had been turned over to the Equalization Department.

DPW-No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONER-Don Vrablic presented the County Commissioner Report for the month of April.

CEMETERY SEXTON: George Baker reported one burial in the month of April. He stated that approximately 100 small flags were purchased for Memorial Day. Baker suggested that Massey Services, Inc. be contracted to spray weeds in the cemetery driveways at a cost of $150. The Board approved and requested that Baker contact Massey Services.

CORRESPONDENCE-

- Farmland Development Rights Agreement for Thomas M. Cranson
- Farmland Development Rights Agreement for Dwayne E. Scheidler, Sharon L. Drake, and Harold E. Sheidler.

ADJOURNMENT: Omo made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M., supported by Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis, Ovid Township Clerk
Minutes Prepared by Bruce Knisely