

**Ovid Township Board
October 13, 2014**

Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on October 13, 2014.

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk and Larry Omo, Trustee. Ron Sampsel, Trustee was absent.

Eight guests were present.

Sue Miller Called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge to Allegiance.

Agenda: Omo moved to approve the Agenda, supported by Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

Board Meeting Minutes: Motion by Omo to approve the September 8, 2014 minutes as presented, supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Report: The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Miller placed the Treasurer's Report on file. Motion by Sabaitis to pay Two Fellas Tree Removal invoice for \$2,280 and Branch County Road Commission invoice for \$46,354.44, supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Township CD's: Two Township CD's reaching maturity were discussed. Motion by Omo that the \$200,000 CD currently at Honor Credit Union be invested at Southern Michigan National Bank for a 3-year term at 0.85% rate of interest, and that the \$100,000 CD currently at Century Bank be invested at Honor Credit Union for a 2-year term at 0.70% rate of interest. Supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment: Sheriff Pollack presented his monthly report to the Board. He expressed his concerns with the continued reduced staff levels related to lack of funding.

Greg Gemmill asked Sue Miller if she had heard any response on installing speed bumps at Rose Road. She has not heard back but will follow-up with the Road Commission.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. **Retirement Resignation of Township Clerk:** Miller expressed her appreciation on the service Judy Sabaitis has given to the Ovid Township. Sabaitis stated she would remain on the Board until a replacement is appointed and would assist during the transition. Motion by Miller to accept the resignation of Sabaitis from the Ovid Township Board. Omo Supported. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. **Filling Township Clerk Position:** Motion by AcMoody to place an ad for the Clerk's position in the Shoppers Guide on October 15 and October 22, 2014 with all applications due by October 27, 2014. Miller Supported. MOTION CARRIED.
- C. **Blackberry Patch P.U.D. Issues:** Miller opened discussion on issues with the current Blackberry P.U.D. Currently the restrictions on boat lengths, golf cart traffic, no swimming and boat slip time limitations/enforcement are at question. Miller stated she has spoken with the Township attorney regarding the P.U.D restrictions and how they should be handled. When the P.U.D. was put in place, the 3 lots (92, 93 & 94) were commercially owned. This is no longer the case. Miller stated that any changes to the P.U.D would require a Public hearing by the Planning Commission. Miller directed Zoning Administrator Jennings to contact the golf course owner to find out if he intends to follow the P.U.D. agreement regarding golf cart traffic from his property including maintenance on the fence barricade. The issue was tabled until the golf course owner is contacted.
- D. **Newsletter:** Miller requested information from Jennings and AcMoody on their office hours along with any other information members want published in the newsletter. Miller stated that she will include information on a recycle center located on Darling Drive.

Public Comment: Chris Forrister addressed the Board and expressed concern about the regulations that are not being enforced on the properties near her home and the golf course. She asked if removing the restriction of no swimming on the Blackberry P.U.D. would allow any guest of the property owner to swim from that property, and would the property owner be allowed non-owners of the property to use the dock. Miller stated that if the restrictions were to be lifted, use would be the same as all other lake property owners.

Reports:

- A. **Zoning:** Administrator Jennings reported 11 Zoning Permits, 2 Special Use Permits and 4 violations were issued for the month of September.
- B. **Assessing:** Sue Miller stated that the 2014 Special Assessments including weed control and private drives have been turned over to the Branch County Treasurer for the total sum of \$107,104.26.
- C. **DPW:** None
- D. **County Commissioner:** Don Vrablic offered his monthly report and highlighted various topics.
- E. **Cemetery Sexton:** None

Correspondence:

Kalamazoo Area Transportation Department meeting at 23 E Garfield on October 20, 2014
Township Supervisor Conference being held at Double Tree in Holland
Michigan Clean Water Conference being held on October 27-28, 2014
3 DEQ permits issued, two permits were for to allow new seawall structures and one permit for installing clean fill for a structure.

Adjourn: Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M., supported by AcMoody.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Sabaitis

Minutes Prepared by Bruce Knisely