# Township of Ovid February 9, 2015 Coldwater, MI 49036

### **Regular Board Meeting**

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on February 9, 2015.

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer; Robbi Omo, Clerk and Larry Omo, Trustee. Ron Sampsel, Trustee.

Nine guests were present.

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

Miller led the attendees in the Pledge to the Flag.

Agenda: Miller moved to amend the agenda, removing of item D (additional date for budget workshop). A date had already been set for February 18 at 5:30. Ron Sampsel moved to approve the amended agenda, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes (January 12, 2015): L. Omo moved to approve, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Report: Sue Miller placed the Treasures Report on file. Miller presented a bill from McKenna and Associates of \$756.00 for professional services provided to Planning Commission at January 6, 2015 meeting. Larry Omo moved to pay invoice as presented. Shelly AcMoody supported. MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: Lakeland Fire Department presented their Annual Report. Miller placed the report on file.

#### Old Business:

A. Junk complaint at 415 Buck Road. Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings stated he received a phone call just prior to the current meeting from the owner claiming the vehicles in violation have been taken care of. Larry Omo commented that during his most

- recent visit to the property, one vehicle remained and he saw what looked like a boat under a tarp at the same residence. Miller stated she would verify the compliance on Tuesday.
- **B.** Junk complaint at 661 E Central Road. Jennings stated that nothing has been done to comply. Miller stated a letter was sent for the owner to attend this meeting. Larry Omo moved to proceed with violation process. Robbi Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED
- C. Special Use Approval recommendation from Planning Commission at 583 Lake Drive. The potential owner, Todd Sanderson was present for help in clarifying the request. He stated the request was for a Michigan Class W License. The property would have no retail display or sales. There would be no outdoor lighting. The property is required to have 10 spaces for vehicles. The only purpose for his needs is for a physical address and office to meet Michigan licensing requirements. He also added his longterm intent is to discontinue its use as an office, and convert it back to residential use for himself. Larry Omo asked how many cars would be on the property. Sanderson said cars would only be there for transitioning to other car dealers. The only cars on the lot would be for the employees. Larry Omo asked if a Liquor License remained with the property. Sanderson was not aware of one. Larry Omo moved to approve the Special Use Permit with the stipulation no vehicles would be stored outside of the building as had been presented to the Planning Commission. Sampsel supported. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Appointment of Board of Review Members. Miller moved that Jim Meeko, Gregg Gemmill, and Peter Klink be appointed as Board of Review Members. Larry Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Planning Commission Appointment 3-year term. Miller stated that Cheryl Downs' term has expired. Miller moved to appoint Downs for an additional term. Larry Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED.
- C. ZBA Appointment 2-year term. Miller stated that Andy AcMoody's term has expired. Miller moved to appoint AcMoody for an additional term. Larry Omo supported. MOTION CARRIED.

- D. Schedule Date for Budget Hearing. Miller said the usual date for the public hearing for the Budget has been at 7:00 p.m. March 9, 2015 with the regular Board Meeting to immediately follow in March. This would need to be published and displayed on the Township web site. Robbi Omo stated she would take care of the notifications.
- E. Branch County Building Inspection Department meeting to discuss county wide building enforcement issues. This meeting will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Annex building. Letter on file.
- F. New Freedom of Information Act legislation. The board has been notified of new legislation effective July 1, 2015 regarding the Freedom of Information Act. A letter received from the township attorney stated new guidelines and procedures must be followed. Robbi Omo said she would check with the Michigan Township Association for further information and assistance.

Public Comment: Andy AcMoody presented the Planning Commission Annual Report. Letter on file.

## Reports:

- A. Zoning: Administrator Jennings reported 1 Zoning Permit and 1 Re-zoning Request were applied for in the month of January. A violation remains at 477 Pearl. Jennings asked if he should proceed with further action. All Board members stated the need to proceed. Jennings added that the Zoning Variance requested by Bob and Cathy McDaniel at 605 Kim Drive was denied. Jennings stated that Zoning Board of Appeals members had suggested alternate compliant locations, but the property owners do not want to move the shed. Miller instructed Jennings to send a letter to the McDaniels giving thirty days from the hearing date to move the shed, or fines will ensue.
- **B.** Assessing: Township Assessor Sue Miller presented the Assessor's Report for February.
- C. DPW: None
- **D.** County Commissioner: Don Vrablic offered his monthly report and highlighted topics including: new sewage lift stations that are to be

- built, the future elimination of the Branch County Gun Board, and possible plans for a state park on Coldwater Lake.
- **E.** Cemetery Sexton: Sexton George Baker stated there was one funeral in the month January. Baker stated that three grave sites had been sold in the month of January.

### Correspondence:

Kalamazoo Transportation Study regarding distribution of Federal Aid. Meeting will be held at the Branch County Road Commission offices on Garfield Road on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 11 AM.

MTA Training available March 31, 2015 in Frankenmuth, MI

Four D.E.Q. permits; one for ground water withdrawal, one for large water withdrawal, one for surface water pump removal and replacement with well water withdrawal, and one for sediment barrier to allow for dredging.

Adjourn: Sampsel Moved to adjourn, AcMoody Supported. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Robbi Omo

Recorded by Bruce Knisely