

OID TOWNSHIP BOARD
March 9, 2015
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township hall on March 9th, 2015.

Members Present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Robbi Omo, Clerk; Larry Omo, Trustee; Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were seven guests.

Members Absent: Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer

The Ovid Township Public Budget Hearing was called to order by Sue Miller at 7:00pm. Board members lead guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Township Budget Hearing: Board members reviewed the proposed budget for 2015 – 2016.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2015-2016. The revenues total \$417,745.00 and the expenses total \$420,250.00 resulting in a deficit of \$2,505.00.

Sue Miller opened the floor for public comment. Robbi Omo stated that the Zoning Administrators projected salary should be adjusted for 2015 – 2016 budget due to coverage for vacation time and requires an increase in the budget of \$300. This would bring the deficit to \$2,805.00. The board discussed the position of Zoning Administrator and clarified that the position is an employee of the Township, as opposed to being an elected official.

Board members discussed making the revision and taking \$2,805.00 from the general fund to balance the budget for 2015 – 2016

Sue Miller closed the Public Hearing at 7:14.

Regular Board Meeting

Sue Miller called the Regular Board Meeting to order directly following the Public Hearing.

AGENDA: Sue Miller added item (I. Packet of “legal documents” left at Township Hall by William Kemp) to the agenda under new business. Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda with changes, supported by Larry Omo.

MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 9, 2015, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robbi Omo stated that there were outstanding invoices for March, and with the fiscal year ending, we would want to get the payments into March and would therefore need to run additional checks for the Daily Reports, Board of Review, Larissa Vorce, and Planning Commission Members. Larry move to pay the additional bills, supported by Sue Miller.

Public Comment: Sue opened the floor for public comment.

Lloyd Barrows paid \$500 to present to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding property that he wants to have rezoned to agricultural. The property is approximately 5 acres and currently has a trailer sitting on it. Mr. Barrows has also inquired about eventually splitting the property. The ZBA determined that they couldn't make a decision, as they are not authorized to rezone property. The ZBA tabled a decision until Mr. Barrows went before the Planning Commission, which cost him an additional \$475. The Planning Commission tabled a decision until they received input from Chris Khorey. Mr. Barrows asked the Board of Directors to refund his original \$500 as he felt he was misled when advised by the Zoning Administrator to go to the ZBA.

After extensive discussion, it was determined that the Board of Directors could not provide Mr. Barrows with a refund until the situation was resolved and a decision was made by the ZBA and the Planning commission. Mr. Barrows was invited back to the Township Board Meeting on April 13th, 2015

Sheriff C. John Pollack presented the Branch County Sheriff's Office report for the month of February.

Old Business

- A. Junk complaint follow-up at 415 Buck Rd.: Sue tried to contact the owner to no avail. Larry Omo stated that the property looked to be cleaned up with he investigated. The issue is now closed.
- B. Junk complaint follow-up at 661 E. Central Rd.: Sue Miller stated that the property owner informed her that he filed the wrong paperwork to start eviction proceedings. Larry Omo and Russ Jennings stated that it looked like some cleanup has begun. Ron Sampsel stated that a notice should be send. Sue Miller will begin that process.
- C. Request for extension of moving shed at 605 Kim Dr., owner Robert McDaniel.: Sue Miller spoke to Mr. McDaniel who asked for an extension to the end of March, weather permitting. Larry Omo made a motion to grant an extension through the end of April, supported my Ron Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

- A. Branch County Road Commission 2015 proposed sealcoating and construction: Board members discussed the packet provided by Sue Miller containing prospective road work information for Ovid Township. Larry Omo commented that there were no breakdown costs, to which Sue Miller replied that the Township would receive a breakdown once the Township reviews and selects the segments that the Township wants to sealcoat. Board members agreed that Sue Miller should complete the form and submit it to the Road Commission. Larry Omo further stated that the Township should review the roads once they have thawed and possibly discuss amending the budget to perform necessary repairs, if the need arises.
- B. Junk complaint – 328 E. Central Rd: Received written complaints regarding the property. The Board made a decision to ask the resident to appear at the April 13, 2015 Board meeting.

- C. Junk complaint – 117 Bobwhite Dr.: Junk vehicle has sat at property for four years. Sue Miller will check to see if the vehicle is plated, if not she will sent a letter to appear at the April 13, 2015 Board meeting.
- D. Burnham & Flower – consideration of a meeting to discuss options with the John Hancock group pension plan: Board members are interested. Robbi Omo will schedule a special meeting in April or May.
- E. Banking resolution
 - a. Board Members discussed banks to be used by Ovid Township Board, including Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, Monarch Community Bank, Century Bank & Trust, PNC Bank, Sturgis Bank, Flagstar Bank, and Honor Credit Union. Sue Miller made a resolution to continue with the banks currently used, supported by Ron Sampsel.
 - b. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows: Aye: Larry Omo, Robbi Omo, Ron Sampsel, Sue Miller
Nay: None
RESOLUTION CARRIED.
- F. Set date and time for the Township regular meetings
 - a. Larry Omo made a resolution to maintain the current schedule for Ovid Township’s Monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M., supported by Sue Miller.
 - b. b. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows: Aye: Robbi Omo, Sue Miller, Larry Omo, Ron Sampsel
Nay: None
RESOLUTION CARRIED
- G. Set Mileage Rate for 2015 – 2016 (county and IRS rate is .575)
 - a. Sue Miller made a resolution to revise the current mileage rate to match the IRS and county rate of \$0.575 per mile, supported by Ron Sampsel.
 - b. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows: Aye: Larry Omo, Sue Miller, Robbi Omo, Ron Sampsel
Nay: None
RESOLUTION CARRIED.
- H. Adopt Ovid Township 2015 – 2016 Budget
 - a. Sue Miller made a resolution adopt the 2015 – 2016 budget with an increase to account 410-702, Zoning Administrator by \$300 to \$12,660, increasing the deficit to \$2,805.00 to be covered by the general fund, and balance the budget, supported by Larry Omo.
 - b. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows: Aye: Ron Sampsel, Larry Omo, Sue Miller, Robbi Omo
Nay: None
RESOLUTION CARRIED.
- I. Matured Honors Credit Union CD: Board members discussed a CD that matured on March 6th. Larry Omo discussed the roads and maybe putting the CD into an alternate account to prevent tying it up for 3 years. After a brief discussion, Ron Sampsel made a motion to leave the money at honors in a one-year CD, supported by Larry Omo.

Reports:

1. Zoning – Russ Jennings presented the Zoning report for Ovid Township, and stated that he would be issuing a citation for William Kemp.
2. Assessing – Sue Miller presented the Assessing report stating that Board of Review was taking place on Wednesday, March 11 and Friday, March 13, 2015.
3. DPW – Paul Winbigler – there was no report for DPW.
4. County Commissioner – Don Vrabilc presented the report for the County Commissioner including topics of tax deadlines, transportation funding proposal, going digital, concealed weapons license, and Coldwater state park plan.
5. Cemetery Sexton – George Sexton did not present a report.

Correspondence:

Robbi Omo read two correspondence; one for an MTA workshop on negotiating contracts, and an invitation to a Road Funding Town Hall meeting.

Adjournment: Ron Sampsel moved to adjourn the meeting 8:35PM, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk