

**OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**September 8, 2014**

**Regular Board Meeting**

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, September 8, 2014

**Members present:** Sue Miller, Supervisor, Judy Sabaitis, Clerk, Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer, Larry Omo, Trustee, and Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 13 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:** Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Hearing MINUTES:** Motion by Sampsel, seconded by AcMoody, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Public Hearing as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Sampsel, seconded by Miler to approve the August 11, 2014 minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Sue Miller placed the Treasurer's Report on file.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The annual Ovid Township Audit Report was presented by Jim Frenndt of Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. Frenndt expressed thanks to Sabaitis and AcMoody for their work to ensure the audit process was thorough and accurate. Frenndt reviewed highlights from the audit, including the financial statements, asset to liability ratio and fund balance. Miller asked if anyone had comments or questions about the annual audit. There were none. Miller accepted the auditors' report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **MUTE SWAN MANAGEMENT CONTROL RESOLUTIONS:** Miller received a letter from the Pearl Beach Association supporting the resolution by the Coldwater Lake Association to participate through the DNR's program to control the Mute swan population. Miller told the board that in August, there was discussion to add Resolution 2014-1 and Resolution 2014-2, and asked board members to review both resolutions.

Resolution 2014-1 pertains to the request made by the Coldwater Lake Association to include. Coldwater Lake, Rose Lake (Lake of the Woods), Little Rose Lake, Bingham Lake and the connecting channels.

Resolution 2014-2 –pertains to the Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association, including Loon Lake, Mud Lake, Long Lake and the connecting channels.

Both Resolutions request assistance from the DNR for Mute Swan Management and Control for a five year period, beginning 2014 through 2019.

Sampsel made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-1, supported by AcMoody.  
A roll call vote of the board members yielded 5 ayes and 0 nays.  
RESOLUTION 2014-1 CARRIED.

Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-2, supported by Omo.  
A roll call vote of the board members yielded 5 ayes and 0 nays.  
RESOLUTION 2014-2 CARRIED.

- B. **BIDS FOR TREE REMOVAL AT LOCKWOOD CEMETARY:** Two estimates were reviewed for the removal of three maple trees from Lockwood Cemetery. Binkley's Critical Tree Service quote was \$3,150. Two Fellers Tree Service quote was \$2,280. Sampsel made a motion to approve Two Fellers Tree Service's quote as presented. Motion was supported by Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REQUEST TO SPLIT LOT 59 IN PLEASANT VIEW #2 SUBDIVISION:**

Property owner, James Gallup, stated that lots 59 and 60 were combined in 2005, and that now he would like to take lot 60 off of the parcel so that he can combine lot 60 with lots 61, 64 and 65. Miller asked Gallup where the garage is located on lot #59. Gallup stated the garage sits 30 feet off the line in the rear of the property where he wants to separate it. A lengthy discussion was held on the location of the house and garage along with measurements for setbacks on Lot 59. Motion by Omo, supported by Miller, that the request to split Lot 59 be approved according to the information presented. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Forrester addressed the Ovid Township Board and told them that she had attended a recent meeting of the Ovid Township Planning Commission where she expressed concern about regulations that are not being enforced on properties near her home and the Coldwater Golf Course. Forrester asked that language be placed in the minutes to clarify boat slip access for lots 93 and 94. Forrester stated that in some cases, boat slips are being deeded to individuals instead of being tied to lots. She stated that no one is enforcing the regulations and that some of the regulations were not being followed. Forrester stated that the current owner of the Coldwater Golf Course was allowing people to do "whatever they want to do" in regard to using golf carts and other activities not allowed in the regulations. Forrester stated deeds for the properties clearly state the usage is to be for boat slips only, not for beach or recreation area. Forrester asked the Board to be in charge and begin enforcing the regulations.

Captain Fred Blankenship from the Branch County Sheriff's Department presented the August report. Blankenship also informed the board of some new projects that are underway, including: A Corrections K9 Program that begins in October, emergency response with Coldwater Police Department and a Victim Services Unit.

**REPORTS:**

**ZONING**-Jennings presented the Zoning Report for the month of August. The report included 4 requests for new structures, and one ZBA request at 558 Willow Drive. The ZBA hearing will be held on Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ASSESSING**-Miller stated that work was underway for special assessments that will be turned in by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**DPW**-No report

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**-Don Vrablic presented the County Commissioners Report. Vrablic stated budget planning for 2015 continues. County Commissioners are also doing the 2014 mid-year review. Other topics outlined in the report include a Resolution for Fort Custer Training Facility for a GBI (Ground Based Interceptor) ballistic missile defense mission, a review of the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 scrap tire recycle event, and approval of a number of Resolutions that are outlined in the Commissioners report.

**CEMETARY SEXTON**: Miller told George Baker that the recent landscaping at the Township Hall looks very nice.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

DEQ Notice of Authorization for Jeffery Klausing

DEQ Notice of Authorization for Willard Kimberlin

DEQ Notice of Authorization for Tina Bailey.

DEQ Notice of Authorization for Dave Brockey

Three notices from Michigan Gas regarding public hearings.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Omo made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23. P.M., supported by Sabaitis.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis, Ovid Township Clerk

Minutes Prepared by Charlotte Knisely