

OID TOWNSHIP BOARD

July 10, 2006

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, July 10, 2006. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; and Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 14 guests.

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the June 12, 2006 Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The June 17, 2006 Public Hearing Minutes for E & W Russell and Center Lane were presented. The Board approved the minutes and placed them on file.

The June 17, 2006 Public Hearing Minutes for Beverly, Pinecrest and Pleasant View Drives were presented. The Board approved the minutes and placed them on file.

The Treasurer's report was presented including payment of bills. The Board approved the reports and placed them on file. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, to pay the Quality Quick Print invoices for \$43. MOTION CARRIED.

Gary Sanderson introduced himself as a candidate for District 4 County Commissioner and shared his experience and qualifications for the position.

Sue Miller reported on the Coldwater compost site closing and the meetings she attended with various agencies to pursue possible solutions. The Board concurred to provide Ovid Township's statistical information to the City of Coldwater City to determine a cost estimate for the city's compost site. It is understood that the cost share for Coldwater Township is \$15,000 per year and \$5,000 to \$5,500 for Girard Township. The Board concurred that Sue Miller contacts Mark Pell, a developer of a private compost site.

The Board reviewed the Junk complaint at 281 Quimby Road related to unlicensed vehicles, tall grass and weeds and unleashed dogs. The property owner, Mr. Merriman, was present. Sue Miller explained that Health Department would be contacted regarding the complaint of tall weeds and that Animal Control would be contacted regarding the dogs. The unlicensed vehicles fall under the Junk Ordinance. After discussion of installing a fence, the Board recommended the property owner report his progress to the Board in 30 days. The owner agreed to keep the dogs under control, to sell some of the vehicles, move some in the barn and to contact the Zoning Administrator on the requirements to install a fence.

The Board reviewed the Junk complaint at 263 E Rose Lake Road. A letter was sent to the property owner and all debris has been removed. The property is in compliance with the Junk Ordinance.

A resolution by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, to create a special assessment district to asphalt Beverly, Pinecrest and Pleasant View Drive.

Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller reported that the second public hearing was held for E & W Russell and Center Lane. After meeting with the Road Commission and several property owners, it was determined that within the district there are four different road right of way widths. It was proposed to have a survey to stake the road right of way at a cost of \$800. A third public hearing is scheduled on July 15th at 9 A.M. to inform the property owners of the road widths and to determine if they wish to survey the road width.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that the Township adopts the legal Violation form recommended by the Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller reported on the Branch County Road Commission's actions related to the petition to reduce the speed limit on Fenn Road. The Board reviewed the Road Commission's response letter sent to the family on June 28th regarding the traffic survey and their recommendation to install "Hidden Driveway" signs. The Board discussed that if the Road is Class A Road, who is responsible for the cost of the signs, the Township or the Road Commission. Sue Miller will contact the Road Commission and report back at the next meeting.

A Fenn Road resident stated that the recent installation of a "Bus Stop" sign has created a blind spot for their driveway. The Board recommended that they contact the Road Commission regarding this issue.

The Board tabled the price quote from Fred's Tree and Stump Removal for Wilson Cemetery. The Board requested Bill James to obtain another quote before Board action.

The Board reviewed Michigan Graphic Art's proposal to replace cemetery signs at a cost of \$384 each. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, to replace all cemetery signs as needed

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, to contact the Township's attorney regarding the removal of topsoil in a section along Warren Road. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported issuing 10 permits and 1 ZBA. Twelve copies of the Zoning Ordinance were printed and the fee is \$25 per copy plus postage. After a discussion on routine pest control for the building, Jim Mikolajczyk will obtain an exterminator's quote and contact Sue Miller with the cost.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that a meeting is scheduled for July 13th at 10:30 A.M. to explain the GIS and how it is used in Branch County. The Supervisor and Clerk signed the 2006 Tax Rate Request letter. The July Board of Review is scheduled at 1 P.M. on July 18th.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Rubley reported that the office moves are completed for the Veterans Affairs and the Equalization Department. The Building Inspection Department had a reduction in hours.

Cemetery – Bill James reported the cemetery driveways were scraped and in good condition. The Board tabled posting of cemetery rules and regulations until next month.

The Board reviewed the headstone situation for two sites. The Board recommended that letters be sent to the owners inviting them to attend the Board meeting. Bill James to provide owner information to the Clerk.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk