

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

April 9, 2007

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, April 9, 2007. 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 6 guests.

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller. ~~Also in attendance were 8 guests.~~

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that the March 12, 2007 Budget Hearing minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the March 12, 2007 Regular Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer's report was presented including payment of bills. The Board discussed Check #8853 related to the cost for legal council to represent the Township in the Bappert case. A June date has been set for Circuit Court. The Board approved the reports and placed them on file.

The Board received a copy of the Extension Office's draft ordinance for the Farmland and Open Space Preservation.

Sheriff Representative, Gregg Ware, reviewed budget issues affecting state and local police agencies and answered questions.

Mr. Morgan of the Soloman Group presented his preliminary design for the Township's website. The Board reviewed the design presented and shared their opinions, which will be incorporated and presented at next month's meeting.

Sue Miller reviewed the Alternate Board positions for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Larry Jones and Larry Parkinson were contacted and are interested in the positions. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that Larry Jones and Larry Parkinson be appointed as Alternate Board members for the Zoning Board of Appeals. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that each Alternate be reimbursed the per diem rate during a training period. The length of time for training will be at the discretion of the ZBA. After completion of the training period, one Alternate will attend each ZBA meeting. Based on the Alternate's responsibility at the meeting, reimbursement will be either as the Member ZBA rate if needed on the ZBA Board or the per diem for attending the meeting as an alternate. MOTION CARRIED.

The Lakeland Fire Department's letter responding to the Ovid Township Board negotiation requests for a 3-year contract and representation on their Board. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Judy Sabaitis, that the Lakeland Fire Department's three-year contract, April 2007 through March 2010, is approved. The contract cost is \$60,000 per year. MOTION CARRIED.

No action was taken on the compost agenda item as Dan Butler did not attend the meeting to present his information.

The Board reviewed the rezone request of 24 acres on Quimby Road. The Planning Commission was unable to make a recommendation to the Township Board due to a tie vote. McKenna & Associates recommended that it be referred back to the Planning Commission until they can make a recommendation to the Township Board. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that the Quimby Road request be referred to the Planning Commission until there is a Planning Commission's recommendation for the Township Board. Aye: Miller, Price and Sabaitis. Nay: Omo and Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller, that the \$25,000 CD maturing on April 17th be invested at the bank offering the highest one-year interest rate. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board discussed additional CD investment options for a portion of the General Fund cash balance. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that one \$50,000 6-month CD and one \$50,000 12-month CD are purchased at the bank offering the highest six-month and one-year interest rate. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller, that the Branch County Road Commission Construction Resolution for Wood Road be adopted for a total estimated cost of \$45,000. The construction includes reditching Wood Road from Corless Road to Central Road and applying 5,000 yards of process gravel in preparation for blacktopping with hot asphalt bituminous aggregate in 2008.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Branch County Road Commission Construction Resolution for Pleasant, Pinecrest and Beverly Drives be adopted for a total estimated cost of \$97,750. The construction includes paving Pleasant Drive (.2 miles), Pinecrest Drive (.2 mile), and Beverly Drive (.5 mile) with 2" of hot bituminous aggregate.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board approved the Planning Commission's request to meet with the Township's attorney to discuss zoning variances. Sue Miller will contact Joe Haas and coordinate a workshop date with the ZBA, Planning Commission, Township Board and Zoning Administrator.

Public Comment: Bill James gave an update on the Lakeland Fire Department's activity for the first quarter of 2007.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported issuing 7 permits for the month. He reported that the first notice of a Zoning violation was sent to 140 Mockingbird Lane regarding a fence without a permit.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that the Board of Review information has been forwarded to the Equalization Department.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – No report.

Cemetery – Bill James presented two bids to remove a tree at Lockwood Cemetery, Fred's Tree Services for \$3,200 and Levitz Tree Service for \$1,200. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo that the Levitz Tree Service bid of \$1,200 is approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk