

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

June 11, 2007

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, June 11, 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 9 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 Sue Miller, that the May 14, 2007 Regular Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

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 Larry Omo, that the Quality Quick Print invoice for \$132.20 be approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, to amend the budget by increasing Account #410800 Zoning Professionals Services from \$5,000 to \$15,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Morgan of the Soloman Group demonstrated the Township's website, which can be accessed online at www.ovidtownship.com. The Board and Mr. Morgan reviewed the plans for equipment, software and training. Due to the delays with the website design, Mr. Morgan indicated that assistance and/or training not covered by the contract would be provided at no additional cost.

The Branch County Sheriff Department representative reported on the marine patrol and the road patrol surveillance around the lakes.

The Board reviewed Sean Groves' rezone request for the 24 acres on Quimby Road. Currently the property is zoned rural residential and he is requesting it be rezoned to waterfront residential. Sue Miller, Jim Mikolajczyk, Mr. Morgan and Sean Groves shared their views related to this request.

- Sue Miller made a motion to deny the rezone request. Motion dies.
- Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that the Quimby Road rezone request to waterfront residential be approved. 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. MOTION CARRIED.

The asphalt project on Beverly, Pinecrest and Pleasantview Drives was recently completed. Mr. Gimmell stated that the roads look great.

The Board reviewed the zoning violation of a fence installed at 140 Mockingbird Lane. Sue Miller and Jim Mikolajczyk will attend the court hearing scheduled at 10:30 A.M. on June 12th.

The Board reviewed HB 470-88 which proposes moving the tax collection, assessing and elections from the Township level to the County level. MTA is providing informative sessions for Townships at various locations.

Sue Miller reported that the 2007 tax rate for the township millage is 0.7612.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to approve the permit for Coldwater Lake's fireworks display issued to Melrose Pyrotechnics Inc. MOTION CARRIED. The display is scheduled for June 30th with a rain date of July 1st.

Public Comment:

Bill James, Lakeland Fire Department Chief, reported on the Department's fire and MFR calls.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported issuing 13 permits, 1 ZBA and 2 land splits.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that names and addresses have been provided to the Equalization Department for the summer tax notices.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – No report.

Cemetery – Bill James reported that the cemetery drives were recently bladed by the Branch County Road Commission.

Larry Omo reported on the recent variance granted by the ZBA Board.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk