

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 14, 2007

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, May 14, 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 12 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 Nancy Price, that the April 9, 2007 Regular Board minutes be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer's report was presented including payment of bills. The Board approved the reports and placed them on file.

Public Comment:

Sgt. Robin Swartz from the Branch County Sheriff Department reported on the average number of bookings per day, the number of complaints per month, the Marine Patrol and fuel prices for the department

Two Ovid residents with health issues expressed concerns with burning and inquired on the status for a compost site. Sue Miller reviewed the options that the Township has investigated and that currently Ovid Township does not have a compost site.

Mr. Morgan of the Soloman Group was scheduled to present the Township's website design at tonight's meeting. Mr. Morgan was not present. Sue Miller stated that he had not contacted her since last meeting. After discussing the delay in the website development, it was decided that Sue Miller would contact him.

The Board reviewed the rezone request of 24 acres on Quimby Road. The property is zoned rural residential and is requesting that it be rezoned to waterfront residential. At the May 1st Planning Commission meeting, the Board was again unable to make a recommendation to the Township Board due to a tie vote. The Board reviewed and discussed the rural residential development options. The property owner wants to expand the property to more than five lots, which requires that the Master Plan be revised. Currently the property is zoned rural residential.

- Motion by Sue Miller to deny the rezone request and that the Master Plan stands as approved. Motion dies.
- Larry Omo made a motion that the Quimby Road property be rezoned to waterfront residential. Motion dies.
- Motion by Judy Sabaitis seconded by Nancy Price, to table the rezone request until next month's meeting. Motion dies due to the lack of a majority vote.
- Motion by Judy Sabaitis seconded by Nancy Price, that the rezone request be tabled until the June meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Branch County Road Commission's 2007 Sealcoating Construction Resolution is adopted as presented. The project includes sealcoating 4.2 miles.

The cost is \$3,000 per mile for a total of \$12,600.

Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:
AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Branch County Road Commission's 2007 Dust Control/Gravel Stabilization Resolution is adopted as presented. The project includes 14.1 miles at a cost of \$250 per mile for each application for a total of \$7,050.

Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:
AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A resolution by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo to approve the special assessment district to asphalt Beverly, Pinecrest and Pleasantview Drive. The approximate cost is \$1,437.50 per dwelling. If not paid within thirty days of billing, the assessment will be put on the tax roll for three years at an interest rate of 5%

Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:
AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller reviewed the legislative mandate notification required for MDEQ completion of the wetland inventories under Part 303 Wetlands Protection of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994. Ovid Township will notify property owners of the required language in the Township Newsletter that is mailed with the 2007 Summer Tax notices.

Sue Miller shared that the 2006 Act 51 report from the Branch County Road Commission and the 2007 Branch County Equalization Report are on file.

The Board reviewed the complaint from the property owner on a zoning violation notification letter received on the installation of a fence. Based on the information submitted, the Board agreed that it is a violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Branch County Flood Map Scoping meeting will be held by FEMA on May 15th at 9 A.M. at the Coldwater Township Hall.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Judy Sabaitis, to approve the agreement for the Branch County Treasurer to collect the delinquent personal property taxes for Ovid Township. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Bill James, Lakeland Fire Department Chief, reported on the April fire calls and MFRs.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported issuing 13 permits for the month.

Assessing – No updates at this time.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – No report.

Cemetery – Bill James reported that the Levitz Tree Services did a great job removing the tree in Lockwood Cemetery. Sue Miller will contact the Branch County Road Commission to blade Sorter and Wilson Cemetery.

Correspondence reviewed.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk