

## OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 8, 2007

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, October 8, 2007. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor, Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; and Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Absent: Larry Omo, Trustee. Also in attendance were 3 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 Judy Sabaitis, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the September 10, 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 Nancy Price, to renew the two six-month investment CD's maturing on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Southern Michigan Bank & Trust if the interest rate is 4.9% or better. If the interest rate is less than 4.9%, renew the six-month investment CD's at the local bank with the highest interest rate. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment: Bill James reported that during August the Lakeland Fire Department responded to ten fires and ten MFR's. During September, they responded to five fires and six MFRs.

Sue Miller reported on the zoning violation for the fence installation at 140 Mockingbird Lane. The magistrate ruled in favor of the property owner who must: 1) apply for a zoning permit and fines by October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2) comply with the adjustments to the fence by November 19<sup>th</sup> and 3) pay fines by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Jim Mikolajczyk reported that a permit was issued and that the job has been completed. Ron Sampsel suggested that our attorney review the judgment rendered and Ovid's fence ordinance. Sue Miller will contact Joe Haas.

Sue Miller reported that CBPU has not completed their work at the Kinderhook site. When Sue Miller talked with Lindy Cox, at CBPU, he indicated that next week they should be available to proceed with the site survey for the township hall. He cautioned Sue Miller that the Township may not be able to get the internet output desired due to the location of the building.

Sue Miller reported that Fred Morgan with the Soloman Group would like to proceed with the website training. Sue Miller will coordinate the time for a training session on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sue Miller updated the Board on the Zoning Ordinance Amendments. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 2, 2007. During the regular Planning Commission meeting held on October 2, 2007, the Planning Commission Board directed McKenna to accept the proposed amendments conditional to page 14.26, paragraph D and page 12-3, footnote 6. The Zoning Ordinance amendments were forwarded for review by the Branch County Planning Commission. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the Board take no action until after the 30 days allowed for the review by Branch County Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the petitions for an amendment to the Special Assessment District on Tompkins Drive. Since the verbiage on the petitions circulated is not the same, the Board directed Sue Miller to return the petitions with a letter stating that all petitions circulated to the property owners must contain the same verbiage.

The Board reviewed the newsletter draft to be included with the winter tax notices.

#### Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported on the violation letters sent to the property owner at 420 Sunny Shore Drive. The violation letters have been mailed by general delivery and by certified letter. Jim Mikolajczyk received notice from the post office that the property owner declined to pick up the certified letter. To date, the letter mailed by general delivery has not been returned as undeliverable. He will pick up the certified letter at the post office. Five permits were written in September.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that the Equalization Department plans to have the ag ratio completed by October 30<sup>th</sup>. The addresses to run the tax roll are due on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

BPW – No report.

County Commissioner – No report.

Cemetery – Bill James reported on a lot in the Wilson Cemetery with a concrete slab. The owner plans to purchase a stone and foundation in the spring.

Public Comment: Ron Sampsel reported on the development of a master plan for construction at the Community Health Center. It is estimated to cost \$20 - \$30 million over a time frame to revamp the hospital. Items for consideration are private rooms, centralized entrance and upgrading the old portion of the hospital.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sabaitis  
Ovid Township Clerk