

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

September 8, 2008

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, September 8, 2008. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor, Nancy Price, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; and Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Absent: Larry Omo, 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 Nancy Price, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Nancy Price seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the August 11, 2008 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, that the Hatfield Computer invoice for \$25 be approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, to move the maturing \$25,000 investment CD to a 4.25% interest rate 17-month CD at Southern Michigan Bank & Trust; unless Monarch Bank's interest rate is higher. MOTION CARRIED.

Paul Plant from Rumsey & Watkins presented the 2007-08 audit report. Report placed on file.

Dave Cleveland, DMCI Broadband and Steve Carender, Maplenet presented information on erecting a tower for the transmission of broadband internet service.

Public Comment:

Mary Gross from West Channel Drive reminded the Board to consider the petition previously submitted to have their road paved. As previously recommended, Mrs. Gross was encouraged to meet with the Algansee Board so that the road project could be planned and coordinated by both townships during the same budget year.

Sue Miller reported that the junk violation at 469 Blue Bird Drive has been brought into compliancy.

The Board reviewed the Branch County Road Commission's letter dated August 27th related to the intersection of Quimby and Miller Road. Sue Miller will contact the Road Commission for additional clarification on their recommendation.

Sue Miller presented the request for the Tompkins Drive Special Assessment District to use their funds to seal the drive rather than chip and seal. The original petition authorized the Branch County Road Commission to maintain the drive. In order to use the funds to seal the drive, an amendment is necessary for the special assessment district and requires one public hearing. Sue Miller will assist with the verbiage for the petition to amend the Tompkins Drive Special Assessment District.

The Board reviewed the Land Division form as referred from the Planning Commission. The Board accepted the form with the addition of Ovid Township to the heading and a place for the date and the Zoning Administrator's signature. The amended Land Division form will be sent to Dresser and Dresser for an opinion before putting it in use.

The Board reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation to split lots 15 and 16 Pebblestone Drive. The property is owned by Marilyn Lawrence. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, to approve the land split as presented for lots 15 and 16 and to allow the proposed drive to go to the garages on lot 15B and 16B. MOTION CARRIED.

The 2008 Tax Rate Request for .7509 Township Millage Levy from was reviewed and signed by the Supervisor and Clerk.

Motion by Judy Sabaitis seconded by Sue Miller, to transfer \$9,500 accumulated interest in the Special Assessment Account to the General Fund account. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment

Jim Mikolajczyk stated that the November 4th Planning Commission meeting will held at the Coldwater Lake Association building due to the general election being held at the Township Hall.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that up to four ZBA and Planning Commission members attend the MTA Practical Application of Michigan's Enabling Act Workshop on October 21st in Battle Creek. The early bird rate is \$70 per person. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported 4 permits were issued.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that the Special Assessments are due to the Treasurer's office by September 30th. The assessor's office will be open during Sue Miller's vacation September 21 – 24th.

BPW – No report.

County Commissioner – No report.

Cemetery – George Baker reported on various cemetery issues. A military marker will be placed on Ralph Love's plot. George Baker will trim the trees in the fence rows at Grubb Cemetery.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk