

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

January 12, 2009

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, January 12, 2009. 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 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 Larry Omo, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that the December 8, 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 Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the Deb Coffing invoice for \$61.70; the Fred Morgan invoice for \$180 and the McKenna invoice for \$68.25 be approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

Representative Ken Kurtz shared his experience since the election and his immediate plans as he begins his term as our representative.

The Planning Commission met with McKenna at their January meeting to review the recommended amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. McKenna will prepare the proposed amendments and submit it back to the Planning Commission for their review. The Planning Commission will present their recommendations to the Township Board at the February meeting.

The 2009-2010 Budget Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th at 4:30 P.M.

The Board reviewed the Branch County Road Commission's proposals for sealing coating and dust control for local roads. The proposals will be reviewed during the Budget Workshop.

The Sheriff Department representative C. Hilton provided information and answered questions.

Sue Miller reported that the Township's annual meeting with the Branch County Road Commission is scheduled at 11 AM on February 11th.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Judy Sabaitis, that Jim Mikolajczyk, Peter Klink and Chris Donbrock be reappointed to the Board of Review for a two-year term effective February 1, 2009. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board discussed the Quimby Road Bridge, the Township's estimated cost, and the available County Bridge Funds. The Quimby Road Bridge will be reviewed during the Budget Workshop.

Sue Miller presented the Rumsey Watkins audit proposal and engagement letter. The proposal will be reviewed during the Budget Workshop.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that Cheryl Downs is reappointed to the Planning Commission Board for a three-year term effective February 1, 2009. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported 2 permits were issued during December. The Board reviewed the 2008 Annual Zoning Report.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported on the residential and Ag sale studies used for the 2009 ratios. The Board reviewed the December 16th letter from the State Tax Commission stating that Ovid Township received 97 out of 100 on the 14-point mini review. The letter states that Ovid Township is compliant with the State Tax commission rules and the General Property Tax Act. A training session for the Board of Review members is scheduled on Wednesday, February 25th.

BPW – No report.

County Commissioner – Don Vrablic reported on various township and county issues.

Cemetery – George Baker reported selling two lots at Lockwood Cemetery and one lot at Wilson Cemetery.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk