

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 9, 2009

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, March 9, 2009. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer; and Judy Sabaitis, Clerk. Absent: Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 6 guests.

At 7:00 P.M. the Public Budget Hearing was called to order by Sue Miller.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue Miller reviewed the proposed budget for 2009-10. The revenues total \$382,800 and the expenses total \$382,800.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:20 P.M.

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller. Also in attendance were 12 guests.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that the February 9, 2009 Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Judy Sabaitis, that the February 9, 2009 Special 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.

Public Comment:

Sue Miller shared that beginning March 11th the Quimby Road Bridge will be closed for repairs.

Sue Miller stated that the household hazardous waste collection is being held on Saturday, April 4th.

The Board reviewed the recommendation from the Planning Commission for the rezone request from Rural Residential to Water Front Residential on the Mollenkopf property (approximately 3.3 acres) on Pearl Beach Drive. Attorney John Hutchinson representing the Mollenkopf family reviewed that the intent of the request is to create three lots zoned Water Front Residential with no change to the remainder of the property. The Board, Mr. Hutchinson, and Pearl Beach property owners held a lengthy discussion on possible scenarios of lot splits, land division, lot size, road accessibility and various other items related to the property. It was discussed that according to the Land Division Act, the remaining acres after the three lot rezone had a potential division into four parcels. Mrs. Boltz, property owner on Pearl Beach Drive, stated that she did not object to the three lots being rezoned but did object to any rezoning and development of the pond and the remaining property. Mr. Hutchinson stated that at this time there are no plans to develop this

property. He further stated that if and when land development plans are created, that should be the time for discussion of the road accessibility, the cul-de-sac, and other related issues. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Judy Sabaitis, that 3.3 acres is rezoned from Rural Residential to Water Front Residential as recommended by the Planning Commission. Aye: Larry Omo and Judy Sabaitis. Nay: Sue Miller and Nancy Price.

Sue Miller reported that Larry Parkinson declined consideration for the ZBA appointment due to health issues. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that Don Vrablic is appoint to the ZBA Board. MOTION CARRIED. The Board expressed their appreciation to Don for accepting reappointment to the ZBA Board.

The Sheriff Department representative provided information and answered questions.

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that the Township continues banking with Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, Monarch Bank and Century Bank and Trust.

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

Resolution by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to continue the Ovid Township's Monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

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

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that the mileage rate is increased to \$0.55 for 2009-2010. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, to adopt the 2009-2010 budget as presented.

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

The Board tabled the Branch County Road Commission Construction Resolutions until the April meeting.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the agreement between Ovid Township and the Branch County Treasurer to collect delinquent personal property taxes is approved. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed Rudy Dixon's concerns with traffic and trash at the Township's access off Smith Road. Mr. Dixon suggested posting a sign at the access or that he would be interest in purchasing the site. The Board agreed that the Township is not interested in selling the property, is unable to post a sign at a public access and acknowledges that there are issues with traffic and trash.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported no permits were issued in February.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that the Board of Review schedule is Wednesday March 11th from 1 PM-4 PM and 6 PM – 9 PM and Friday March 13th from 9 AM – Noon and 1 PM – 4 PM.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reported on various topics including repairs at the Commission on Aging, revenue sharing, and Camp Branch.

Cemetery – George Baker reported two burials, sold two lots and is preparing for spring clean up.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk