

OID TOWNSHIP BOARD

November 9, 2009

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, November 9, 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 6 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 Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the October 12, 2009 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 Quality Quick Print invoice for the winter newsletter be approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo that check # 9930 to the US Post Office for \$88 be approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

Nancy Price reported that when she was at Monarch Bank to transfer the CD to Southern Michigan Bank as the Board approved at the October meeting, Monarch Bank offered a higher interest rate and an additional month for the \$125,000 CD. The CD is reinvested at Monarch Bank for 18 months at an interest rate was 1.99.

Public Comments:

Due to health issues, Teresa Collins at 121 Jo Jo Lane requested the Board assist in restricting or eliminating open burning of leaves and grass in residential areas. Richard Lewis of Jo Jo Lane explained the problem with neighbors burning leaves unattended near his home. He has contacted the Lakeland Fire Department twice within the past week. Sue Miller stated that the Board will take the comments and concerns under advisement and seek suggestions to alleviate the open burning.

Sue Miller reviewed the Petition for Road Maintenance on Susie Lane and Walnut Hill Farm under PA 188. Sue Miller reported that the petition was signed by 74% of the total frontage. The total road frontage is 915 feet. The total frontage signed for by the record owners for the proposed district equals 680 feet. The first public hearing is scheduled for December 14th at 7:15 PM with the regular Township meeting to immediately follow. Sue Miller will handle notifying the property owners and placing an advertisement in the newspaper.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, to approve the PA 116 applications for Larry and Mary Ann Omo at 285 S Angola Road and Scott and Jaime Omo at 614 Grass Lake Road as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller gave an update on the Blackberry Patch Golf Course. Ed Boyer of Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company contacted Sue Miller and indicated that the golf course is scheduled for auction sometime in March. He is making inquiries of the Township as to what could be done with the Golf Course. Greg Milliken of McKenna & Associates is scheduled to attend and address Mr. Boyer's questions at the Planning Commission meeting on December 1st.

The Board reviewed the FEMA letter dated October 19, 2009 related to the final flood elevations. No action taken.

Sue Miller presented and the Board reviewed the proposed contract for SM Assessing clarifying that the assessor is an independent contractor. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, to accept the SM Assessing contract as presented effective October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller informed the Board that the Fiesta Shores Association is considering road improvements through a special assessment district. Once more information is available, Sue Miller will forward it to the Board.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the partial termination of PA116 for the Hunker Family Living Trust for Carlene Hunker is approved as presented and includes three acres, a house and outbuildings. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported 2 permits and one fine were issued during October. Jim Miko informed the Board that the handicap ramp installed at 202 Northwood Beach does not meet the setback requirements. The Board directed the Zoning Administrator to proceed with the zoning violation.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported the Consumer Price Index is set at .997 for 2010. This reduces the real property taxable value by 3%. The township may see a decrease in revenue and administration fees collected for property taxes. The State Tax Commission and State Assessor Board are being eliminated. She shared that a new department will be created in the future.

BPW – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reported that the Commission on Aging renovation is completed, discussed unfunded mandates and the ongoing 2010 budget process.

Cemetery – George Baker reported that the cemetery maps are installed for the Pontem cemetery software.

Correspondence reviewed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk