

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 12, 2009

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, October 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 7 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 presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the September 14, 2009 Regular Board minutes be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer's report was presented including payment of bills. The Board approved the reports and placed them on file. Motion by Nancy Price seconded by Sue Miller, that the McKenna invoice for \$45.50 be approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

Larry Omo and Larry Smith updated the Board on the Township's access on Hickory Drive off Smith Road. They suggested obtaining cost estimates to create a 10 foot wide gravel drive to the water's edge. This would allow the best option for the public without risking damage to the property site. The Board requested cost estimates for a gravel drive be submitted for consideration in the upcoming budget year. Larry Omo volunteered to get the estimates.

The Board reviewed the follow-up information for the junk violation at 290 Beverly Drive. The remaining issue of noncompliance at this property is the unlicensed dark blue Chevy vehicle. Sue Miller stated that the property owners indicated that the vehicle is a classic car and their son is attempting to restore it. Since the son has returned to college, he is unable to purchase current plates. Several affordable options for licensing historic or classic cars were discussed. Sue Miller will contact the property owners regarding the unlicensed vehicle.

The Board reviewed the follow-up information for the junk violation at 674 Wayne Beach Lane. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the property is in compliance and that the complaint is closed. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller stated that the property owners on Susie Lane are circulating a petition to establish a special assessment district for road maintenance. The timeline to establish the district, include it on the winter taxes and collect the special assessment money will not be accomplished before the 2010 winter taxes. Sue Miller and Mr. Jackson on behalf of the Susie Lane property owners presented cost estimates of \$1,380 for road maintenance repairs. Mr. Jackson stated the request is for the road maintenance work be completed by the Branch County Road Commission, the total cost of the work be paid to the Ovid Township Treasurer by the property owners on Susie Lane, and the Township to pay the Road Commission for the work. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel that with a pending special assessment petition for Susie Lane, the Board allow the Road Commission to perform the proposed road work and that the Susie Lane property owners will be responsible for all

associated costs. MOTION CARRIED. Sue Miller will schedule the road maintenance with the Road Commission.

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

Judy Sabaitis reported that two PA 116 applications were received and processed to the appropriate local agencies. The applications for Larry and Mary Ann Omo and Scott and Jaime Omo will be brought before the Board at the November meeting.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported 15 permits were issued during September.

Assessing – Sue Miller reviewed the change in the payroll classification for township assessors. If classified as an employee, the township is responsible for certain payroll taxes and withholdings. Sue Miller stated this would require adjusting her contract. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the assessor be classified as an employee of the township effective for services beginning October 1, 2009. MOTION CARRIED. The Board will review the assessor's contract at the November meeting.

The Board reviewed the CD rates offered at the local banks. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the \$125,000 CD maturing on October 19, 2009 be invested at Southern Michigan Bank for 19 months at an interest rate of 1.98. MOTION CARRIED.

BPW – No report.

County Commissioner – No report.

Cemetery – No report.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk