

OID TOWNSHIP BOARD

September 14, 2009

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, September 14, 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 14 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 August 10, 2009 Regular Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that the August 17, 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.

B J Pratt, representative with Burnham and Flower Agency, reviewed the Township's insurance renewal package. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the insurance deductible be increased to \$500. The deductible applies to property, IM/EDP & ~~Bolder~~ **Boiler** and Machinery and results in a premium savings of \$674 per year. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Joyce Knapp of 533 Warren Road addressed her concerns with the sewer system malfunctioning. Commissioner Vrablic suggested that she contact Mike Hard, Drain Commission/DPW Director.

Bruce Caswell, Republican candidate for State Senate, addressed the Board on a variety of pertinent issues related to the State's budget process.

The Board discussed the Township's access on Hickory Drive off Smith Road. The estimate to install posts and cable is approximately \$169. The Board requested that Mr. Smith be contacted and that the agenda item be brought back at the October meeting.

Commissioner Vrablic reported that no action was taken at the County level related to a County noise ordinance.

The Board reviewed the alleged junk violation at 549 Sassafra Drive. Several Board members viewed the property and observed no junk violation at this time.

The Board reviewed the junk violation at 290 Beverly Drive. At the July Board meeting the property owners were granted a 60 day extension to complete the clean up. At this time the property continues to be in violation of the Junk Ordinance. The Board concluded to proceed with the junk violation notification process.

The Board reviewed the Zoning Ordinance violation complaint at 686 Buckeye Lane under Section 14.14 – parking of commercial vehicles in a residential area. The Ordinance prohibits parking of commercial vehicles over one ton in residential areas. The Board directed the Zoning Administrator to proceed with the zoning violation.

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 674 Wayne Beach Lane. The Board recommended that a letter be sent to the property owner, Mark Chaney, requesting that he attend the October Board meeting.

Sue Miller shared that the Branch County Road Commission is hosting a retirement celebration in honor of Richard Losinski on September 24th.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported 7 permits and 2 fines were issued during August.

Assessing – Sue Miller stated that the Special Assessments were delivered to the County Treasurer for the winter tax roll.

BPW – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reported no change for the nine member BPW Board, updated the Pines lease agreement, discussed the 2010 Budget process and the Administrator's contract.

Cemetery – George Baker reviewed the Pontem cemetery software proposal for \$3,900 to purchase the digital mapping capabilities for Ovid's five cemeteries. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller, to purchase the mapping software at a cost of \$3,900 and authorized George Baker 100 hours for data entry. The Board will reevaluate additional hours at that time. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Judy Sabaitis seconded by Sue Miller, that the Burnham & Flower Insurance Agency's invoice for \$6,094 be paid. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk