

## OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 11, 2010

### Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, October 11, 2010. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor, Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer Ron Sampsel, Trustee. *Absent: Judy Sabaitis, Clerk.* ~~Also in attendance were guests.~~

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that the **agenda** be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the September 13, 2010 **Board minutes** be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

An invoice from McKenna & Associates, dated August 3, 2010 for services rendered July 2010, \$136.50 was tabled the last meeting. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo to resubmit this invoice for payment. Further, to submit payment on an additional invoice dated October 1, 2010 for services rendered September 2010 in the amount of \$136.50. MOTION CARRIED. The Treasurers Report was placed on file.

#### **Public Comment:**

Sue Miller, Township Supervisor stated at the beginning of the Public Comment period that it was the intent of this board to review the study on the sewer project on Long Lake. Certain steps and requirements have to be made before there is a seal of approval by the Township Board.

*Kevin Kehoe*, 614 Kim drive explained that he was attending the board meeting on behalf of the Sewer Committee. *Allen Smaka, Wightman & Associates*, Portage and Benton Harbor, gave a brief overview.

#### **Old Business:**

A **Township Access Update** was given stating that the project was completed on Smith Road by Davenport Excavating. There was discussion on the seeding and stabilization. A motion was made by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price for Larry Omo to contact George Baker to do the seeding, not to exceed \$300 for labor and materials. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **New Business:**

**Marble Lake Chain Sewer Committee Sewer Survey Results** were discussed and Linda Clark and Mrs. Kehoe stated that they had sent approximately 1300 mailings and approximately 600 were completed and returned. Sue Miller and Ron Sampsel are to meet with Linda Clark to view the returned (Ovid Twp.) surveys Firday morning, Ovid Township Hall.

**Consideration of updating the engineering feasibility study and sharing costs with Quincy and Alganssee Townships on the proposed sewer project** were discussed. The total cost of the project is

\$3600 and this would be split three ways between Quincy Township, Algansee Township and Ovid Township. Quincy and Algansee have agreed to move ahead on the feasibility study. There was much discussion on the process of the project from beginning to end and taking money from the General Fund to pay for it. *Linn Johnson*, 885 Lost 40, Marble Lake commented on the Quincy Township process. *Jim Stroock*, 889 Pleasant Rige, Quincy Township discussed the location of the people contacted and distributed his written opinions for the Board's review. *Jim Miko*, 600 Kim Drive, Coldwater stated that money was submitted for the Coldwater Feasibility Study approximately 10 years and the study was not completed. County Commissioner *Don Vrablic* encouraged the Township Board to approve the Feasibility Study. Sue Miller made a motion to approve the \$1200 (Ovid Township's share) cost to update the Feasibility Study along with Algansee and Quincy Townships seconded by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED. Ron Sampsel made a motion to enter into an Agreement with Wightman & Associates, Inc. to do this Feasibility Study seconded by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

**The Newsletter Draft** was discussed with additions and corrections made.

Ron Sampsel announced Ovid Township no longer has a Medical First Responder and response capabilities. Sue Miller asked Mr. Sampsel to communicate with the Fire Chief and ask him to attend the November Township meeting to give the Board an update.

**Public Comment:** None

**Reports:**

**Zoning:** Jim Miko announced that 6 permits were written in September - estimated construction - \$235,300; Court Hearing October 20th, 1:30 p.m. on zoning violation on Warren Road

**Assessing:** Sue Miller reported that 2010 assessments have been turned into the Branch County Treasurer. Total Assessments were \$35,816.15. They were placed on file.

**Top Five** was given by County Commissioner Don Vrablic.

**Correspondence** was reviewed and placed on file.

Motion made by Larry Omo and seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sabaitis  
Ovid Township Clerk

*Recorded by Deb Coffing, Recording Secretary*