

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 9, 2011

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, May 9, 2011. 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 4 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 presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the April 11, 2011 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.

Sue Miller presented invoices from McKenna & Associates for \$182 and \$91, invoice from Creative Web Designing for \$392.95 and Baker Lawn Care for \$200.09. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that payment for the above invoices is approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Branch County Sheriff Representative John Pollack presented a written report for the month, discussed budget concerns, meth issues, and Marine Patrol.

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 515 Bluebird Drive owned by Steve Boston. Sue Miler reported that she recently talked with the property owner at his home about the complaint. The Board agreed that a letter be sent to the property owner with an invitation to attend the June Board Meeting.

Sue Miller updated the Board on the Chain of Lakes Feasibility Study. A meeting is scheduled for May 10th at the Branch County Road Commission with Whitman & Associates, Department of Public Works and various other officials to address concerns including softener discharge. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16th to review the Whitman & Associates feedback. A final meeting is tentatively scheduled on May 24th before presentation begins to the Township Board meetings in June.

The Board reviewed the Lakeland Fire Department's proposed three-year contract. The Board agreed that the contract be reviewed by our legal counsel, Joe Haas. The contract will be on the June agenda for Board action.

Sue Miller reviewed the Local Government 15-day Notice letter from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to transfer an escrowed license to GKK Investments LLC at 583 Lake Drive.

The Board discussed the newsletter for the summer tax notices. After a lengthy discussion, a draft will be faxed to the Board members for their review.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported six permits were issued in April. He clarified that the ZBA Board designated the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. for meeting as needed for ZBA requests.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that her office has completed all preparation work for the summer tax notices.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reported on various topics including school elections, 2011 Equalization Report, furlough days, Apportionment Commission and Economic Summit.

Cemetery – George Baker reported that he would be out of town this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

- He stated that two dead shrubs will be removed from the Sorter Cemetery.
- Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that George Baker purchases 6 bronze Veteran Markers. MOTION CARRIED.
- George Baker reported 3 foundations in Sorter Cemetery need replaced and submitted a quote for \$921.60 to remove the old foundations, pour new foundations and reset stones. The quote included the cost for the foundations but did not include labor costs. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, to approve three foundations be repaired at a cost of \$921.60 and that George Baker is compensated at his standard rate for all related labor. MOTION CARRIED. The Board requested that an invoice be submitted for labor.

Various correspondences were reviewed including the Consumer Energy letter dated March 31st regarding the phase out of Mercury Vapor Street lighting and the options available for the Township. The Board agreed to “Option 1”- Do nothing. Then as the mercury vapor bulbs and fixtures burn out or fail, Consumer Energy will replace them at no cost with the nearest comparable high-pressure sodium light.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk