

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

July 11, 2011

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, July 11, 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 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 Larry Omo, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the June 13, 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. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the Branch County Road Commission invoice for \$385.64 and the McKenna invoice for \$45.50 are approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 515 Bluebird Drive. The Board agreed that the property is in full compliancy with the Junk Ordinance and the junk complaint is closed.

The Board reviewed the proposed 3-year fire contract with Lakeland Fire Department as prepared by Joe Haas. Sue Miller shared that the contract was discussed with Wayne Barnes, Lakeland Fire Department and Paul Meredith, Kinderhook Supervisor. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller to accept the Lakeland Fire Department contract as presented effective April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014. Board action: Miller, Omo, Price, and Sabaitis, AYE; Sampsel NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, that Robbie Omo is selected for the clerical contractual position. As Don Vrablic explained at the June meeting, since Larry Omo (father-in-law) and Nancy Price (aunt) are related to Robbi Omo but has no financial gains with the position, they can vote on the motion by stating their relationship. Nancy Price stated that she contacted MTA and she can abstain from voting on the motion. Board action: Miller, Omo, Sabaitis and Sampsel AYE; Price abstained. MOTION CARRIED. The Board requested that Judy Sabaitis handle contacting Robbi Omo and that letters be sent to the other applicants.

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 359 Treasure Cove and the unlicensed motor vehicle. Lawrence Westinghauser, property owner, was present and stated the vehicle is licensed but the plate is not on it. He added that a family member is going to use the vehicle and that it will be gone this week. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Sue Miller, that the Board review this again at the August meeting for full compliancy. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller updated the Board on the Chain of Lakes sewer project and the recent meeting with John Axe, Bonding Attorney. The Board reviewed the informational handouts regarding the straw poll timeline and various details. Public information meetings are planned on July 23rd at the Pine Ridge Church from 10 AM to 1 PM and on July 28th from 6 PM to 9 PM.

The Board reviewed the Branch County Road Commission's June 9th estimated cost for the Lockwood Community Church asphalt project on Sanford road, including ditching (\$4,209), grade and gravel (\$6,581) and asphalt (\$16,945). Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, to approve the grade and gravel estimate for \$6,581 and that 50% (\$3,290) is paid by the Township and 50% (\$3,290) is paid from the Township's Road Maintenance fund. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported ten permits were issued in June. He stated the carport at 529 Warren Road property is not settled. A garage was put up without a permit on Grass Lake Road. Regarding Chris Forrister's issues/concerns, it was suggested that she attend the August Planning Commission meeting.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that the Board of Review will meet at noon on July 19th. There are eight petitions for the Board of Review to act on.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reported on various topics including state revenue sharing, unfunded mandates, annual audit, COA pays off debt early, Sheriff Department Reserves and Marine Patrol grant.

Cemetery – George Baker reported one burial last month and another one this week. He plans to start the Sorter Cemetery monument repair project next week. The Board discussed the tree by the mailbox at the Township Hall is dying and needs to be taken down. Larry Omo suggested that George Baker submit a quote for removing the tree.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk