

## **OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**June 13, 2011**

### **Regular Meeting**

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, June 13, 2011. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer; and Judy Sabaitis, Clerk. Absent: Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 9 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 Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the May 9, 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.

Nancy Price reported that the Special Assessment Accounts for aquatic weed control on Kim/Zale has a negative balance of \$0.65 and Jo Jo/ Buckeye Lane has a negative balance of \$0.60. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, to adjust both negative balances by a journal entry from the Township's interest earned on the Special Assessment Accounts. MOTION CARRIED.

Alan Smaka, P.E with Wightman & Associates, Inc., reviewed the final feasibility study distribution for the Alganssee, Ovid and Quincy Townships Chain of Lakes wastewater collection and treatment system. Public information meetings are planned on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Pine Ridge Church from 10 AM to 1 PM and on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 9 PM. The final feasibility study is available at [www.wightman-assoc.com](http://www.wightman-assoc.com),

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 515 Bluebird Drive. Property owner Steve Boston updated the Board on his clean-up process and stated that it will be taken care of within 30 days. The Board will review this at the July meeting for full compliancy.

The Board reviewed Joe Haas' recommendations to be included in a 3-year fire contract with Lakeland Fire Department. The Board agreed that Mr. Haas draft a fire contract for review and approval by all parties. The Board requested that Paul Meridith, Kinderhook Supervisor, and Wayne Barnes, Lakeland Fire Department, be updated on Ovid Township's process for the fire contract.

Motion by Nancy Price seconded by Judy Sabaitis, that the quarterly payment of \$66,000 to the Lakeland Fire Department is approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller stated that 5 applications were received for the contractual clerical position and four were interviewed on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Judy Sabaitis, that Robbie Omo is selected for the clerical contractual position. Judy Sabaitis and Sue Miller voted in favor of the motion. Larry Omo and Nancy Price abstained and stated they are related to Ms. Omo. Motion failed. The contractual position will be added to the July agenda for Board action.

The Board reviewed the draft newsletter that was to be included in the summer tax notices. The newsletter

was voided since Nancy Price stated the tax notices have already been prepared for mailing.

The Board reviewed the McKenna Associates recommendation for an ordinance adoption regarding the application process for wireless telecommunication facilities. The Planning Commission minutes outline that on July 12, 2010 an agreement between Ovid Township and McKenna Associates was signed. This agreement was for the purpose of assisting, advising and representing the township in matters of Wireless Communication. As a matter of record an ordinance and fee schedule was never received by the township from McKenna. Due to the oversight, an ordinance was never adopted. The Planning Commission recommended that AT&T be charged the cost of the permit for their upgrade of the tower at 455 Fenn Road. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that AT&T move on with the project to update their equipment and the equipment cabinet for the tower located at 455 Fenn Road. A permit is required if the equipment cabinet is more than 100 square feet. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed McKenna Associates information regarding the requirements to confirm the establishment of the Planning Commission under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. Our Zoning Ordinance developed the Planning Commission and complies with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 359 Treasure Cove and the unlicensed motor vehicle. Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Judy Sabaitis, that a letter be sent to the property owner with an invitation to attend the July Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller stated that the Branch County Road Commission Act 51 Report for 2010 is available.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Vrablic stated that since there is no financial gains with the contractual clerical position that Larry Omo and Nancy Price could have voted on the motion for Robbi Omo by stating their relationship.

Judy Sabaitis stated that a PA 116 application was received today from Omo Farms LLC. The application will be forwarded to the Branch County Planning Commission and the Branch County Soil Conservation District and then brought back to the August Board meeting for approval.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported eleven permits were issued in May. He stated the carport at 529 Warren Road property was to be removed by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that her office has completed all preparation work for the summer tax notices. The Board of Review will meet July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Township Hall.

B.P.W. – Paul Winbigler reviewed the April 12<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> BPW Board Minutes.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reported on various topics including Code Red, Economic Summit, Revenue Sharing, Marine Patrol, and Sewer Study.

Cemetery – Jim Mikolajczyk stated that George Baker wanted to inform the Board that some of the grass was damaged by weed spray from the field next to the Township Hall.

Various correspondences were reviewed including the Michigan Department of Treasury Foreclosure Services Section, 15-Day Notice for application from Crabs Landing for a new SDM License and two DEQ letters.

Motion made by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis  
Ovid Township Clerk