

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

September 12, 2011

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, September 12, 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 6 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 Nancy Price, that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that the August 8, 2011 Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, the August 19, 2011 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. Motion by Judy Sabaitis seconded by Nancy Price, that the Baker Lawn Care invoice for \$138.72 is approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the junk complaint at 359 Treasure Cove. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the property is in full compliancy with the Junk Ordinance and the junk complaint is closed. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller updated the Board on the sewer project. The Ovid, Algansee and Quincy Clerks will meet at the Quincy Post Office at 4 PM on Monday, September 26, 2011 to begin the count process for the Marble Lake Chain Sewer Project Straw Poll Tally. The actual count will take place at the Quincy Library in the basement. Wightman & Associates will provide the laptops for each clerk. The ballots will be sorted by the label colors for each township and then entered into the spreadsheets by the clerks. At the end of the count process, the clerks will have their Township's actual ballot count on their own jump drive. The Board agreed to publish in the Shoppers Guide a public notice including the date, time and location for the ballot count.

The Sheriff Representative reviewed the statistics for the month along with meth issues and the female inmate population.

A corrected L4029 Tax Rate Request for Ovid Township was reviewed and signed by the Clerk and Supervisor to levy the allocated operating millage of 0.7502.

Sue Miller reported that the Lakeland Fire Department contract was sent on July 27th for their approval. To date the contract has not been returned. Sue Miller has attempted to contact Paul Searing, Wayne Barnes and Clint Smith. She will continue to follow up with the Fire Department.

Representative Kurtz addressed the Board to review the progress for the first 5 months of 2011 and his plans for the balance of the year. Items reviewed and discussed included the budget, elder abuse, farm

industry, personal property taxes, bridge cards, and veterans. The Board thanked Representative Kurtz for his report.

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, to approve the Branch County Road Commission's Construction Resolution for the Lockwood Community Church asphalt project on Sanford Road. The project includes retention ditch on East & West side of Sanford Road (\$4,209), grade and gravel (\$6,581) and asphalt (\$16,945) for a total estimated cost of \$27,735. The Lockwood Church approved the contract with Ovid Township paying the grade and gravel estimate for \$6,581 (50% paid from the Township's Road Maintenance fund and 50% paid by the Township). The Road Commission invoices Ovid Township for all work performed. When the project is completed the Township will invoice the Lockwood Community Church for their portion of the project.

Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The required 40% deposit due upon signing the Construction project is \$11,094. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that \$11,094 is approved for payment to the Branch County Road Commission for the Lockwood Community Church project. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller requested input for the newsletter that is included in the winter tax notices.

Public Comment:

Judy Sabaitis reported on the following:

- MTA is not proceeding with a workers' compensation self-insurance group
- The Liberty Propane cap price program approved at the August meeting was changed from the prebuy to the cap option for the 2011-2012 heating season
- She will notify Tri-State Appraisal Service that the zoning maps are not available electronically or on our website.
- The Board reviewed a recent incident that occurred at the Lockwood Cemetery and resulted in an injury. All related paperwork was submitted and is being processed by the insurance company.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported five permits were issued in August.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that the Special Assessment rolls are completed for the upcoming tax season. The total due for Special Assessments is \$30,165.

B.P.W. – No report. Commissioner Vrablic shared that the B.P.W. meeting was held on the lawn outside the Road Commission office.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reported on various topics including redistricting, budgets, county fair, pension planning, golf carts and female population at the jail.

Cemetery – George Baker reported 2 burials. The tree was removed at the Township Hall. One elm tree in Wilson Cemetery is dead and needs to be removed. The Board agreed to include it in the 2012 budget. George Baker donated a large rock to the Township to be used as a sign for the Lockwood Cemetery, similar to the rock placed at the Township Hall. The Board agreed to accept the rock and will discuss at a later date where to place it along with landscaping.

Correspondence reviewed including the Cancellation Notice of Application from Michigan Liquor Control

Commission for property located at 583 Lake Drive, DEQ Public Notice for Sean and Kelly Groves' application, John Hancock's 2011 Fall Fund Changes, and two notices from Michigan Gas Utilities for public hearings on September 8th and September 29th.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk