

OID TOWNSHIP BOARD

January 10, 2011

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, January 10, 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 Larry Omo, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that the December 13, 2010 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 stated that the Rumsey and Watkins invoice for \$150 included QuickBooks assistance in training and setup of EFTPS deposits electronically through payroll.

Public Comment:

Sue Miller opened and read a letter of concern submitted by Scott L Omo. The letter addressed the unprofessional treatment he received as an Ovid Township property owner paying his taxes at the Treasurer's home on December 31st. It outlined his experience including not being allowed to step inside her office. He stated that he expected nothing less than to be treated with kindness and courtesy. He posed the question that the Township consider having the Treasurer utilize the Township Hall for tax collection purposes so that all tax payers may feel welcomed and accommodated when paying their taxes. He requested that his letter of concern be noted in the Board Minutes.

Nancy Price responded to the letter and requested that her comments be noted in the minutes. She stated that in 2009 when Mr. Omo paid his taxes at her home that he become red in the face and beat on his chest with his fists. She added that based on the prior year circumstances and the size of Mr. Omo that she did not want ~~him in her home~~ **to be alone with him**. She stated that in order to avoid any issues, she handled his payment this way.

Sue Miller stated that Mr. Omo is unavailable to respond to the Treasurer's accusations. She stated it is a situation of "he said"/"she said." Additionally she stated that out of the number of township units her office handles, the largest volume of complaints come from Ovid township tax payers. Sue Miller added that this situation will be discussed further.

Sue Miller gave an update on the Township's website and her continued efforts to design and complete the home page. Along with the draft copy of the home page, she discussed including information on the various lake associations and links to their web pages.

Public Comment: Branch County Sheriff Representative was present to answer questions.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that Chris Donbrock and Jim Mikolajczyk be reappointed to the Board of Review for a two-year term effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller reported that no applications or inquiries were received for the Board of Review vacancies. At the present time there is still one opening. She requested that anyone interested in the position to contact her.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, that Merle Donbrock is reappointed to the Planning Commission for a three-year term effective February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, that Andy AcMoody is reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two-year term effective February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller reported that the Township's annual meeting with the Branch County Road Commission is scheduled at 1:00 PM on February 16th.

The Board reviewed the Lakeland Fire Department Board's proposed three-year contract requesting a \$6,000 per year increase effective April 1, 2011. The Board acknowledged the importance of the fire department and discussed concerns with the reduction in services from the prior contract and the lack of justification for the 10% increase.

Andy AcMoody presented the Planning Commission's 2010 Annual Report.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported two permits and one ZBA were issued in December. He reported on the court hearing regarding the zoning violation at 422 Warren Road. The Court ordered that the structure is returned to the original state. Attorney Joe Haas is handling the details.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that the value of the Ag class decreased approximately 16%. The Consumer Price Index ratio is 1.017 for 2011. She reported that a training class for the Board of Review training is tentatively scheduled in February.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reviewed the Commissioner's Monthly Report including the Commissioners' Committee Assignments for 2011, the Quincy Rotary Park project, and combining the Sheriff Committee and the Courts & Public Safety Committee.

Cemetery – George Baker reported three burials and selling four cemetery lots.

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk