

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

April 9, 2012

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, April 9, 2012. 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 8 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 amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the March 12, 2012 Budget Hearing minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the March 12, 2012 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 Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the Election Systems & Software invoice for \$29.50, the McKenna invoice for \$68.25, the Jim Mikolajczyk check for \$61.33 and the Greg Gemmill check for \$61.33 be approved for payment. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Chuck Lillis introduced himself as a candidate for Branch County Probate Court Judge and shared his experience and qualifications for the position.

Mike Gatke introduced himself as a candidate for Branch County Sheriff and shared his experience and qualifications for the position.

Paul Searing, Fire Chief for Lakeland Fire Department, presented the annual report for his department.

The Board reviewed the petition submitted by Robert Massey to close a portion of Tallahassee Road on his property. Resolution by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the Ovid Township Board agrees to abandon and close that portion of Tallahassee Road being a road-right-of-way 66 feet in width, the centerline of which begins at the West property line of the Robert Massey property in section 24 of Ovid Township and ends at the East property line of the Robert Massey property in Section 19, Alganssee Township being approximately 620 feet in length.

Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:
AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that the three-year contract with Baker Lawn Care is approved as follows:

- \$13,300 per year mowing cemeteries and Township Hall, selling graves, picking up flowers in cemeteries
- Fuel surcharge added if fuel is over \$3 a gallon based on 12 gallons per mowing
- \$50 for snow plowing Township Hall each time
- \$60 per hour for cemetery snow plowing with a \$25 minimum
- \$20 per hour for additional maintenance beyond the contract that is approved by the Township Board
- Cemetery grave opening charges and installing foundations outlined in contract

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, that the three-year renewal contract with SM Assessing is approved as presented. The specifics in the new contract remain the same as the previous one. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller requested input for the annual Township Summer Newsletter and plans to present it for approval at the May meeting.

A discussion was held on the recent rodent issue at the Township Hall. The Board reviewed the Evergreen Pest Control contract for inside maintenance. After Board discussion, motion by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Trustees (Omo and Sampsel) maintain rodent control and repair the hole in the exit door. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that Evergreen Pest Control be paid for services provided to date for the inside maintenance. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reviewed the Branch County Road Commission's sealcoat construction contract. The Board tabled action until clarification from the Branch County Road Commission on Grass Lake Road.

Reports:

Zoning – Russ Jennings reported five permits were issued in March, one fine and three ZBA requests.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported the Board of Review went well. They reviewed 35 petitions versus 21 last year. The values have been submitted to the Branch County Equalization Department and the assessment rolls have been picked up.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – Commissioner Vrablic reviewed the Commissioner's Monthly Report including a caution on floods and drowning, foster care recognition, purchase of a Meth trailer, female inmate population, Courthouse Memorial and the 6th annual Economic Summit to be held on June 6, 2012.

Cemetery – No report.

Correspondence reviewed included:

DEQ Site-Specific Review for Clifford Mayer

DEQ Permit for Steve Bahlman

MLCC Bulletin No. 2012-05 regarding the local approvals for the licensing application process

IRS mandates and amendments to the retirement program.

Election Systems & Software awarded an 8 year contract for AutoMark voter equipment

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk