

OID TOWNSHIP BOARD

July 9, 2007

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, July 9, 2007. The following members were present: Sue Miller, Supervisor, Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer; Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Absent: Judy Sabaitis, Clerk. Also in attendance were 3 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 Larry Omo, that the June 11, 2007 Regular Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo that the following bills be approved for payment:

- McKenna in the amount of \$240.63 for additional services on the Master Plan
- (2) Branch County Road Commission invoices in the amount of \$97.74 each for blading cemetery drives
- \$29,629.19 for asphalt project on Pleasant, Pinecrest and Beverly Drive

An update on the asphalt project on Beverly, Pinecrest and Pleasantview Drives was given. Sue Miller stated that this project was originally estimated at \$97,750.00 and the total is actually \$68,729.19 (\$1,010.72 per parcel).

In reference to the zoning violation for the fence installation on 140 Mockingbird Lane, the property owner appeared before the Magistrate. The property owner was given 60 days to apply for a variance through the Zoning Board of Appeals. August 14, 2007 is the next court date.

The court date was June 29, 2007 on Bappert vs. Ovid Township. The Judge ruled in favor of Ovid Township. The township is currently waiting on a written order from the Judge.

Sue Miller presented a quote from Postula for \$1,036.25 for a computer purchase for Ovid Township Hall. Nancy Price moved to purchase the computer from Pastula and Sue Miller seconded. MOTION CARRIED. Ron Sampsel is to check with CBPU on their service and report back at the August meeting.

Sue Miller read a letter from the Planning Commission regarding the property on Warren Road. The letter stated the Planning Commission's dissatisfaction of the directives not being carried out by either Mr. Shimp or Mr. Miko on filling the holes before any

mounds of dirt were removed. There was much discussion. Because there is a crop in this field, nothing can be done at this time. Larry Omo made a motion to approach the property owner when the crops are removed, remove the dirt from the ridge and fill the remaining holes. Larry Omo withdrew his motion because it was explained by the Township Supervisor that the township has no legal recourse to order this done.

Sue Miller made a proposal to the Township Board to purchase (8) 4-drawer legal sized file cabinets at a cost of \$1,759.92. Larry Omo moved to purchase 8 filing cabinets and Ron Sampsel seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Greg Gimmell asked questions about height of fence and required setbacks in reference to 140 Mockingbird Lane. The Zoning Ordinance on fencing requirements was reviewed by the Board.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported 4 permits written. Jim also gave an update on 492 Oakdale, Keith Miller who has received 3 letters; 2 sheds have been removed and the boat trailers remain at this time.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that the July Board of Review will be Tuesday, July 17th, 1:00 p.m. Also they are going to possibly schedule a meeting with Branch County Administrator Bud Norman and the Equalization Department.

County Commissioner – Mickey Rubley attended and was asked about Branch County Marine Patrol on Coldwater Lake. There was discussion and she will look into this.

Correspondence:

- Consumer Energy notice of Public Hearing, July 26, 2007, 9:00 a.m., Lansing
- Notice of Auth. – Permit Request from DEQ, Beach Area, Lake of the Woods for Greg Brandt
- CBPU letter from Paul Beckhusen giving the schedule of Household Hazardous pick-up for Saturday, October 20, 2007. The Township Board is interested in having Paul Bechusen come to Ovid Township and speak. Sue Miller is to contact him to possibly come to the August meeting.

Motion made by Larry Omo and seconded by Nancy Price, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk
Minutes prepared by Deb Coffing