

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 10, 2008

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, March 10, 2008. 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 5 guests.

At 7:00 P.M. the Public Budget Hearing was called to order by Sue Miller.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue Miller reviewed the proposed budget for 2008-09. The revenues total \$469,642 and the expenses total \$469,642.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:15 P.M.

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller. Also in attendance were 10 guests.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that the February 11, 2008 Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Nancy Price, that the February 28, 2008 Special Board minutes be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, to amend the 2007-2008 budget as follows:

Increase Account #209970 Assessor Capital Outlay from \$1,000 to \$1,800

Decrease Account # 276970 Cemetery Capital Outlay from \$5,000 to \$4,200

Increase Public Works Road Commission Account # 440958 from \$68,750 to \$125,150

Increase Public Works Drains at Large from \$3,000 to \$7,300

MOTION CARRIED.

The Treasurer's report was presented including payment of bills. The Board approved the reports and placed them on file.

Public Comment:

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

Mary Gross requested that West Channel Drive be paved in 2008 and that it be given priority over other roads in the township based on the number of residents on the road and that the Township has the money. Sue Miller shared with the Board that she had previously discussed the West Channel Drive project in detail with Mary Gross. The Board members proceeded to explain the road projects proposed for 2008-2009, discussed coordinating this project with Algansee Township, and reviewed the Township's financial commitment to the critical bridge project.

Mary Gross was informed that the West Channel Drive petition would be taken into consideration during the 2009-2010 budget process.

Sue Miller and Jim Mikolajczyk updated the Board on the court hearing held on February 29th related to the zoning violation at 420 Sunny Shores. The Judge stated that the property was not in compliance and ordered the junk car and trailer be removed from the property by March 19, 2008 at 5 P.M.

Sue Miller reviewed the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Larry Omo, that the Zoning Ordinance Amendments be adopted as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller reviewed the sexton position advertised in the Shoppers' Guide. The Board met on Thursday, February 28th to review the bids. Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, to accept the bid from Baker's Lawn Care as Cemetery Sexton including opening/closing of graves, lawn care and snow removal for the cemeteries and township hall. AYE: Omo, Sabaitis, Miller, Sampsel.
NAY: Price. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that the Township continues banking with Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, Monarch Bank and Century Bank and Trust.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, to approve deposits for money markets and CDs (certificates of deposits) at Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, Monarch Bank and Century Bank and Trust.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to continue the Ovid Township's Monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Nancy Price seconded by Sue Miller, to set the Zoning Administrator's salary at \$12,000 annually effective April 1, 2008.

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

AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that effective April 1, 2008 the Clerical Contractual Services include mileage compensation for attending required Township meetings. Mileage reimbursement

will be the Township's current rate.

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

Resolution by Judy Sabaitis seconded by Nancy Price, that the Per Diem rate continues at \$65 for 2008-2009.

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

Resolution by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the mileage rate is increased to \$0.505 for 2008-2009.

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

Resolution by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, to adopt the 2008-~~2008~~ 2009 budget as presented.

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

The Board reviewed the proposed lot division in a platted subdivision (Broughton Shores Lot No. 1, 2 and 3) as presented by Mr. Hill. Motion by Ron Sampsel seconded by Sue Miller, that approval is given to divide the lots in a platted subdivision as presented and granted 120 days to remove existing structure.
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Ron Sampsel, that the Branch County Road Commission Construction Resolution for Wood Road be adopted at an estimated cost of \$80,000. The construction includes paving 1.3 miles of Wood Road with 2" of hot bituminous aggregate from Central Road to Dubendorf Road. The contract outlines using \$8,100 from the Road Commission's Township's Maintenance fund, leaving an estimated cost to the Township of \$71,900.

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 Ron Sampsel, that the Branch County Road Commission Construction Resolution for Buck Road be adopted for a total estimated cost of \$28,000. The construction includes applying 3,500 yards of process gravel to Buck Road after the shoulders have been removed and the drainage problems addressed from Hatmaker to Rose Road for a distance of .7 mile.

Upon a roll call vote, the result was as follows:
AYE: Miller, Omo, Price, Sabaitis, Sampsel

NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Frank Plozdik introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative and shared his experience and qualifications for the position.

Nancy Price reported on the 2007 tax collections. After the summer tax settlement with the Branch County Treasurer, the delinquent taxes were \$62,852.51.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that the CD maturing on March 27th be invested in a six-month CD at the bank with the highest interest rate. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Zoning – Jim Mikolajczyk reported issuing 2 permits and 1 ZBA for the month.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported that today was the first day for the Board of Review. They will meet again Wednesday

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – No report.

Cemetery – No report

Correspondence reviewed.

Motion made by Larry Omo seconded by Ron Sampsel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk