

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 11, 2013

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday March 11, 2013.

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Nancy Price, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; and Larry Omo, Trustee. Absent: Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 5 guests.

The Ovid Township Public Budget Hearing was called to order by Sue Miller at 7:00 P.M.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2013-2014. The revenues total \$407,795 and the expenses total \$433,760 resulting in a deficit of \$25,965. The Board reviewed the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget.

Sue Miller opened the floor for public comment and one attendee inquired about the pumps at Coldwater Lake needing to be replaced and asked if that would result in additional cost to residents. Sue Miller explained that the pumps are maintained by Public Works and that there could be increased fees. Ovid Township is not involved or responsible for the system.

Sue Miller closed the Public Budget Hearing at 7:15 P.M.

Regular Board Meeting

Sue Miller called the Regular Board Meeting to order directly following the Public Hearing.

AGENDA: Sue Miller made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Larry Omo. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MINUTES: Larry Omo made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 11, 2013, supported by Nancy Price. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sue Miller asked if everyone reviewed the Treasurer's Report and if there were any questions or comments. Upon having no questions or comments Larry Omo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Judy Sabaitis supported. **MOTION CARRIED.** Sue Miller stated that the Treasurer's Report would be placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Pollack presented the Branch County Sheriff's Office report that included a comparison of complaint types from 2012 and thus far in 2013, the hours of coverage and the primary duties of staff on each shift.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Branch County Road Commission sealcoating contract resolution.
 - a. Sue Miller and Russ Jennings recently met with Trent Arver to discuss issues related to the budget for the West Channel Drive double chip and seal project and will meet again on March 26th or 27th at 1:00 P.M. Additionally, Sue Miller discussed details of the sealcoating for Ovid Township including: 7.73 miles for this year, a discounted cost for 2.54 miles, an April 30th deadline for accepting the contract, and the total cost of \$103,195 for 2013.

- b. Sue Miller made a resolution to accept the 7.73 miles at a total cost of \$103,195, supported by Larry Omo.

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

Aye: Miller, Sabaitis, Price and Omo

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Quote from S&J Blast It All – Landscape Rock at Lockwood Cemetery.

- a. Sue Miller stated that the quote from S&J Blast It All to engrave the rock at Lockwood Cemetery is \$1,500 and further stated that if they had another job to do in the area, the price would be lower. Larry Omo inquired about the size of the lettering. Sue Miller was unsure and stated that she would get the size along with a proof for style of lettering. Larry Omo stated that the rock was donated by the Randy Heller family and it would be appropriate to add a small plaque stating that information. This led to discussion of possibly doing a plaque for the rock instead of the engraving as it may be less expensive. Sue Miller suggested tabling this item until they receive information back regarding the rock engraving. Larry Omo made a motion to approve the plaque for the donation of the rock, Nancy Price supported. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Banking Resolution

- a. Sue Miller stated that Ovid Township has used Southern Michigan Bank and Trust, Monarch Community Bank, Century Bank and Trust, PNC Bank, Sturgis Bank, Flagstar Bank and Allegis, now Honor Credit Union. Sue Miller made a resolution to continue with the Township's current banks, supported by Larry Omo.
- b. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:
 - Aye: Miller, Sabaitis, Price and Omo
 - Nay: NoneRESOLUTION CARRIED

D. Set Dates and Times for Regular Township Meetings

- a. 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.
- b. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:
 - Aye: Miller, Sabaitis, Price and Omo
 - Nay: NoneRESOLUTION CARRIED

E. Set the mileage rate for 2013-2014

- a. Nancy Price made a resolution to revise the current mileage rate to match the IRS rate of \$0.565 per mile, supported by Sue Miller.
- b. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:
 - Aye: Miller, Sabaitis, Price and Omo
 - Nay: NoneRESOLUTION CARRIED

F. Adopt Ovid Township 2013-2014 Budget

- a. Larry Omo made a resolution to accept the budget as presented, supported by Judy Sabaitis.
- b. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:
 - Aye: Miller, Sabaitis, Price and Omo
 - Nay: NoneMOTION CARRIED

G. Township Audit Contract

- a. The Board reviewed the proposed three-year audit contract with Abraham & Gaffney for 2013, 2014, and 2015 at the rate of \$3,600, \$3,750, \$3,900, respectively. This includes \$400 each year for the completion of the F65. Judy Sabaitis made a motion to accept the new contract, supported by Nancy Price. MOTION CARRIED. Judy Sabaitis will sign the contract and return it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Andy AcMoody presented a year-end report from the Ovid Township Planning Commission. He discussed the Planning Commission's on-going efforts to clarify the Township ordinance and the continued work with McKenna and Associates. Sue Miller stated that the report will be placed on file.

REPORTS:

ZONING – Russ Jennings submitted the zoning report and stated that there have been no permits issued for January, February or March, but that he has had several phone calls of inquiry. He also stated that Shirley Bodine, 401 Sunny Shores, has a storage shed set next to the road and requested that the Township Board allow the shed to be removed by the end of May. Ms. Bodine is tearing down an existing house on adjacent property and will move the shed to meet setbacks once they have combined the two lots. Larry Omo made a motion to accept the request to move the shed by the end of May, supported by Sue Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

ASSESSING – Sue Miller presented the assessing report and stated that the Board of Review meets on Wednesday and Friday, March 13 and March 15 from 1-4pm, 6-9pm and 9-noon, 1-4pm, respectively.

DPW – No Report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – Don Vrablic presented the County Commissioner's report including the following subjects:

- Legislative Issues including Court Reform, Transportation Funding, and Indigent Defense
 - Fuel Contract
 - Assessment Districts
 - Severe Weather Training
 - LifeCare Ambulance Membership
- Mr. Vrablic also discussed the foster care cost issues.

CEMETERY SEXTON – Sue Miller stated that there have been positive comments regarding the rock placed at the cemetery. She also stated that the Lockwood Cemetery is under two names, Lockwood and Union, and at some point the township may want to consider one name.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ADJORNMENT: Larry Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M., supported by Nancy Price. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis, Ovid Township Clerk
Minutes prepared by Robbi Omo