

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 12, 2008

Regular Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, May 12, 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 4 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 presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Nancy Price, that the April 14, 2008 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 Larry Omo seconded by Nancy Price, to approve payment for two invoices, \$68.25 to McKenna and \$65 to Janice Ross. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

The Sheriff's Department update was given by John Pollack. Mr. Brown raised questions on maintaining water levels at the lakes.

Sue Miller reported that the property owner at 420 Sunny Shores Drive did not appeal the Court's decision and the restitution amount to the Township. The property owner is responsible for legal costs of \$1,835.15 to Ovid Township. Since the restitution has not been paid, Sue Miller will contact Joe Haas for legal advice.

Sue Miller reported that the Township's website is up and running.

The Board reviewed and approved the newsletter as presented. The Board approved adjusting the Zoning Administrator's office hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 AM to 1 PM to 8 AM to noon.

Motion by Sue Miller seconded by Larry Omo, that the agreement with the Branch County Treasurer to collect delinquent personal property taxes for Ovid Township be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Miller reviewed the State of Michigan's 14-Point Review Pilot Program. Branch County has been selected by the Commission as one of the six pilot counties. The local units will be required to submit a statement certified by and assessor and supervisor that they are maintaining certain documents. Once the six counties complete the first step, the Commission will select three of the

six counties for a county-wide review.

Sue Miller presented the Branch County Road Commission's 2007 Act 51 report and placed it on file.

Sue Miller gave an update on the Quimby Road Bridge. The Branch County Road Commission awarded the design and engineering contract to Brechting Bridge and Engineering, Inc. The engineering and design costs are in this year's budget. Construction is planned in 2010.

Public Comment:

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

Reports:

Zoning – Sue Miller gave the Zoning report for April. Four permits were issued.

Assessing – Sue Miller reported on PA 96 signed in April 2008 that provides certain property owners a tax break on a vacant home. The Township's newsletter includes an outline of the new law.

B.P.W. – No report.

County Commissioner – No report.

Cemetery – George Baker reported on the cemeteries.

Correspondence reviewed.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk