

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
November 11, 2013

Regular Board Meeting

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

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor; Larry Omo, Trustee; Nancy Price, Treasurer; Judy Sabaitis, Clerk; and Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 9 guests.

The regular meeting was called to order by Sue Miller at 7:30 P.M.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Larry Omo. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MINUTES: Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes from October 11, 2013 as amended, supported by Larry Omo. **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, Sue Miller stated that the Treasurer's Report would be placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Sheriff Pollack addressed the board and guests of the ongoing plans for the Sheriff's Department. He outlined the shift changes, visitation by computer, jail capacity, sentencing guidelines, marine patrol and gun registration.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Board reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation to re-zone three parcels owned by Jeff Uetrecht – Lake Drive Marina from Rural Residential to Water Front Residential. A public hearing was held on November 5th. Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to re-zone the three parcels as presented, supported by Larry Omo. **MOTION CARRIED.** Sue Miller stated a notice must be published in the newspaper within 15 days and it will be effective 7 days after publication.
- B. The Board reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation on a Special Use Approval for 500 Warren Road – Lake Drive Marina to construct a boat storage building 94X114X22. Ron Sampsel made a motion to accept the Special Use Approval as presented, supported by Sue Miller. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- C. Nancy Price made a motion to approve the agreement with the Branch County Treasurer to collect the delinquent personal property taxes for Ovid Township, seconded by Ron Sampsel. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- D. The annual Township meeting with the Branch County Road Commission is scheduled for Thursday, December 5th at 2 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Sabaitis reported on the November 5th election.

Nancy Price reported that two Wayne Beach Drive property tax payers have submitted their payment for the paving project. The deadline for full payment is the end of the month.

REPORTS:

ZONING – Russ Jennings submitted the zoning report and stated that 2 permits were issued in October. After reviewing the revisions to the Zoning Permit form, Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve and purchase the revised forms, seconded by Larry Omo. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Sue Miller made a motion to refund the \$475 fee paid by Carpenter Creations, Jeff Uetrecht, for the rezoning request of 3 parcels owned by Jeff Uetrecht – Lake Drive Marina, seconded by Ron Sampsel. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Uetrecht check was returned to him.

ASSESSING – Sue Miller reported on the residential and agriculture property values. Residential property values increased approximately 3%, but have not been finalized by the County Equalization Department. The Consumer Price Index for 2014 is 1.6%. The December Board of Review meets on December 10th.

DPW – No Report

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

- Time Change
- Horse drawn vehicles
- Marine Patrol
- Potential Legislation change for the two-year misdemeanor sentencing
- Coldwater State Park
- Pension audit

CEMETERY SEXTON – George Baker reported on burials, fall clean up, and the dates for his vacation.

CORRESPONDENCE – DEQ permits for Brian Hartman.

ADJORNMENT: Nancy Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M., supported by Larry Omo. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Sabaitis
Ovid Township Clerk