

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
January 12, 2015

Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township Hall on Monday, January 12, 2015

Members present: Sue Miller, Supervisor, Robbi Omo, Clerk, Shelly AcMoody, Treasurer, Larry Omo, Trustee, Ron Sampsel, Trustee. Also in attendance were 6 guests.

The Ovid Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Sue Miller at 7:30 P.M.

The Board led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Sampsel made a motion to approve the agenda. Supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Miller made a correction to the minutes from the December 8, 2014 board meeting under the PUBLIC COMMENT section. The person who addressed the board was Barry Batters, not Brock Batters. Sampsel made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Supported by L. Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Omo asked to amend the list of payables to include two items: a check for cleaning services and cleaning supplies to Larissa Vorse for approximately \$70.00, and for \$200 cash for the Treasurer's cash drawer. R. Sampsel made a motion to place the report on file. Supported by L. Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Branch County Sheriff John Pollack presented the Branch County Sheriffs Department Report for December, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Junk Complaint follow up at 415 Buck Road. Property owner Shirley Bodine was not present. Miller stated that none of the inoperable cars had been moved as of last week. Miller stated that Bodine had been given 30 days to remedy the situation, but had failed to do so. L. Omo suggested moving ahead with the Junk Violation process. Miller stated that a notice would be sent to Bodine, to be followed by two other notices, each ten days apart.
- B. Junk complaint follow up at 661 E Central Rd. Miller stated that property owner Brock Batters had spoken to her via telephone and explained that he has started the process to evict Barry Batters and Kelly Perkins from the property. Miller said the eviction process takes about 45 days. Miller said that Brock Batters told her he will begin clean-up at the property after his tenants are evicted. Miller stated that she would send Brock Batters a letter confirming that he is currently in the process of evicting his tenants, and that his presence is requested at the Ovid Township Board meeting on February 9th, 2015 to update the board on the situation. Miller will also follow up with the Branch County Building Department about expired building permits at the residence and possible condemnation of the property.
- C. Proposed County-Township Public Safety Partnership Update: Miller stated that the Branch County Supervisors Association discussed the proposed County-Township Public Safety Public Partnership at a meeting on December 15th, 2014. Miller stated that supervisors were

unanimously opposed to such a partnership. Miller stated that many supervisors at the meeting suggested the county propose a millage levy to fund additional sheriff's officers and other law enforcement needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Quincy Village/Quincy Township Consideration of an Ice-Retardant Systems Ordinance: Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings stated that Quincy Village/Quincy Township is considering an ordinance to prohibit ice retardant systems on area lakes. Jennings provided copies of a Fenton, Michigan ordinance that prohibits the use of mechanical devices to prevent ice formation around lakefront structures. Jennings stated that issue came to light when a snow mobile enthusiast complained about such devices being used on Bartholomew Lake. Jennings stated that the DEQ has approved at least 3 similar devices on Bartholomew Lake. L. Omo stated that he is completely opposed to such an ordinance. L. Omo stated he feels it removes the rights of property owners. Board members discussed the pros and cons of such an ordinance. Miller suggested that Ovid Township watch and see what happens with the issue in Quincy.
- B. Special Use Approval Recommendation from Ovid Township Planning Commission at 583 Lake Drive for a Wholesale Automotive Business Office on Premises. Miller reviewed the definition of a Michigan "Class W" license. L. Omo and Miller expressed concerns about vehicles being parked at the property. Jennings stated the owner, Todd Sanderson, had agreed that the property would only be used as an office with one or possibly two vehicles parked inside the garage ready for delivery to a dealer. Sampsel made a motion to support the Special Use Permit. Supported by R. Omo. With further discussion, L. Omo moved to table the motion until more information is provided about restriction of the Michigan Class W license, and the property owners attend the February board meeting. Supported by AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.
- C. Consider Dates for Budget Workshop: Board members agreed to a meeting on Wednesday, January 28th, 2015 at 5:30pm. .

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sampsel stated that McKenna Associates Consultant Chris Khorey had reviewed the PUD for Blackberry Patch/Bella Vista. Sampsel referred to Khorey's written memo to Russ Jennings on January 9, 2015 that summarized that the golf course owners are responsible for maintaining the property, dock and landscaping on the site. Khorey's memo also stated that any reported violations of the PUD rules do not appear to have the consent of the golf course, therefore, they do not rise to the level of a zoning violation. Khorey does not recommend altering the PUD at this time.

REPORTS:

ZONING- Russ Jennings submitted his Zoning Administrator's Report for December, 2014.

ASSESSING - Assessor for Ovid Township, Sue Miller, presented the Assessing Report for the month of December, 2014

DPW-None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - None

CEMETARY SEXTON - None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to AcMoody from resident Steven L. Smith asking AcMoody consider sending an addressed return envelope for ease of payments, and to use perforated tax form in the future.

Letter from Eric Leutheuser, Michigan State Representative, 58th District. Leutheuser writes that he will attend a future Ovid Township Board meeting to become better acquainted.

State of Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing to review Consumers Energy Company's request to adjust rates in three stages to produce a net additional electric revenue of approximately \$163 million annually by May 31, 2016, and incremental increased in 2017 and 2018

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Construction Codes Notice of Public Hearing on February 10, 2015 at 9:00 am in Conference Room 3, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, MI 48864.

ADJOURNMENT: L. Omo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm, supported by AcMoody.
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk
Minutes Prepared by Charlotte Knisely