

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD
April 13, 2015
Regular Board Meeting

The Ovid Township Board met at the Township hall on April 13th, 2015.

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

Sue Miller called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30.

AGENDA: Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve w/change to include "I. Lake Dr to Miller Rd lake access concern" under new business, supported by Larry Omo. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Ron Sampsel made a motion to approve the public hearing meeting minutes from March 9, 2015 supported by Shelly AcMoody, MOTION CARRIED.

Regular board meeting minutes from March 9th, 2015: Larry Omo make a motion to approve the minutes with change of "directors" to "trustees", supported by Sue Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sue Miller made a motion to approve with added payment to graphics 3 in the amount of \$85.11, and place the treasurer's report on file, supported by Ron Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

A. Power point presentation on prop 1 by Trent Arver.

Trent Arver presented a brief presentation on proposal 1 to assist Board members and attendees with clarification of road funding. He reviewed current taxes and where they are allocation and discussed several areas as they related to Prop 1 one: Act 51 distribution formula, Michigan fuel tax revenue, fuel efficiency in vehicles, and additional pushes the have a declining effect on tax revenues. He informed attendees that Michigan ranks last for per capita funding in roads and the benefits to raising the current MI sales tax to 7%, which included the breakdown of proposed taxes and disbursements, additional laws to be enacted in Prop 1 passes, breakdown for Branch County, specifically the Road Commission and reasons for the need throughout the county.

Trent Arver then addressed questions from attendees including staffing reductions, part time employees, an increased rate of emulsion, equipment efficient and maintenance on trucks, construction equipment.

B. Public Comment: Sue opened the floor for public comment.

No comment

C. Old Business

- a) Junk complaint follow-up at 661 E. Central Rd.: Sue Miller stated she had a conversation with Brock Badders on March 30th. He will be back in court this month to get relinquishment of contract: Cleanup by end of April. Sue suggested the issue be reviewed at the May Board meeting for progress. She further stated that until relinquishment on land contract Mr. Badders is unable to do anything.
- b) Junk complaint follow-up at 328 E Central Rd – Sue had conversation with the property owner on March 30th. To date he has cut up wood pallets and restacked them. Working to get other items hauled away. Pallets are main resource of heat. Larry Omo reviewed pictures and stated that if he is making effort to clean, board should revisit next month.
- c) Junk complaint follow up at 117 Bobwhite Dr. – Notified of violation. Ford Explorer is now licensed. Issue closed

New Business

- a) Planning commission recommendation to re-zone 5 acre parcel at 311 Smith Rd from rural residential to agricultural: Sue addressed Mr. Barrows directly to clarify that the remaining 4 acres would be placed in open space with agreement that it would be for agriculture only with no future dwellings. Sue suggested they correct planning commission minutes. Andy AcMoody noted the request. Sue Miller made a motion to accept, supported by Ron Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.
- b) Cemetery Sexton Contract – Baker Lawn Care – Adjusted figures, 3 year contract. First year \$13,700, \$14,111, \$14,534, snow plowing increased \$5. Foundation same. Grave opening \$50 in winter. \$350, \$175, \$125. Additional maintenance beyond contract will be labor rate of \$25, approved by board. Sue Miller made a motion to accept the new contract for 2015, 2016, and 2017, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.
- c) Assessors contract – Sue Miller is stepping down as assessor as of April 1. Melissa Lane will take over for Assessor's services for Ovid Township. Office remains same. Effective, April 1st 2015. The contract will remain \$2,407.50 during term of contract through March 31 2017. Larry made a motion to accept, Ron Sampsel supported. MOTION CARRIED.
- d) Information of Freedom of Information Act – FOIA, we do need to take action as it goes into effect on July 1st. Board needs to adopt a plan. Board will revisit at the June meeting once they have reviewed policy materials provided by the MTA. Sue recommended adopting the MTA policy and guidelines after review.
- e) Update on BS&A assessing software: The current version will no longer support what assessor is using. Quote was presented for conversion. New cost schedules and manuals need to be in place by November. The cost of assessing software with current parcel count of 2905 is \$5,200.00. Larry Omo questioned updates and change costs. Annual service fees and upgrades will increase to \$1,040. With a possible addition of \$1,000 for training, and incidental costs. The computers have issues: Ovid's will operate the system at a minimum. Office will cover cost for upgrade of memory. Larry Omo made a motion to go forward with the update, Supported by Robbi Omo. Motion Carried.
- f) Newsletter information – Discussed information for newsletter. Dust control, sealcoating, Treasurer's hours.
- g) Branch County Road Commission re-gravel project contract: Board members discussed details of the contract and costs. The agreement is for three roads for re-gravel. 50% of costs is due with the signed contract: Nye \$4,514, Lockwood \$6,027, Nettleman Rd \$4,415.50 (\$9,028). Sue Miller

made a motion to proceed with re-gravel contract as written, supported by Shelly AcMoody. All Board members were in agreement, there were no nay votes. MOTION CARRIED.

- h) Branch County Road Commission sealcoating contract: Sue Miller reviewed the contract with board members. Fifty percent of contract is due at signing and submission. Initial payment of \$47,560. Sue Miller made a motion to proceed with sealcoating contract as written with 50% deposit, supported by Larry Omo. All Board members were in agreement, there were no nay votes. MOTION CARRIED.
- i) Resident concern regarding Lake access at residence located at Lake Drive and Miller Rd. Russ Jennings discussed the issue with concerned resident in attendance. Russ believes it's a civil issue or road commission issue. Resident expressed concerned with the lake access issued being created by the resident in question. Trent Arver, in attendance, stated that he would get in touch with the home owner. Trent stated that he does have the right to use the road up to the right of way. The Board chose to take no action at this time. Road commission will address with resident. Will let us know if there is any problem.

Public Comment -

Andy AcMoody discussed group housing in Ovid Township and the need for interpretation of group housing. McKenna would like ZBA to have an opinion on group housing. If so desired ZBA needs to come up with definition. There is nothing currently in the ordinance defining group housing. McKenna is supposed to be getting additional information regarding other areas. Ron Sampsel made a motion that the ZBA work on interpretation of group housing, supported by Shelly AcMoody. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

1. Zoning – Russ Jennings presented the Zoning report for Ovid Township, 7 permits for the month of March.
2. Assessing – Sue Miller presented the Assessing report.
3. DPW – Paul Winbigler – there was no report for DPW.
4. County Commissioner – Don Vrablic presented the report for the County Commissioner.
5. Cemetery Sexton – George Sexton presented a brief report regarding the cemeteries.

Correspondence:

Robbi Omo read one correspondence, a letter advising that young people from the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be in the Ovid Township area doing door-to-door mission work over the summer, 2015.

Adjournment: Larry Omo moved to adjourn the meeting 9:30PM, supported by Ron Sampsel. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robbi Omo, Ovid Township Clerk