

**Middlebury Township Board
Regular Meeting
07/08/10 07:00 PM
Ovid Municipal Building
114 East Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866**

Minutes

Supervisor Anthony Sinicropi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a Pledge to the Flag and a prayer led by Richard Semans..

Members Present: Supervisor Anthony Sinicropi, Clerk Susan Tomasek-Swan, Treasurer Carolyn Stevens, Trustee Erin Dutton and Trustee Paul Dutton.

Guest Present: Eight guests were present at the meeting.

Scheduled Comments:

Charlie Moore and Larry Ordiway from the Maple Grove Cemetery spoke to the board about purchasing the property belonging to Mary Minor. The owner is considering accepting a lower price for the property than she originally wanted. They presented the idea of having the Village of Ovid and Ovid Township with Middlebury Township consider purchasing the property for the Authority. They presented their ideas for possible present And future use of the property.
Trustee P. Dutton spoke in favor of the idea.
Deputy Supervisor Herendeen asked about the Perpetual Care Endowment.
Larry Ordiway expressed it would be a great opportunity for the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Rick and Jennie Miracle spoke to the board on their business, Owosso Speedway Racetrack. They reviewed the activities from the past year and expressed their ideas for the future. They wanted the board to be aware of community projects they had participated in and how they helped to increase local business traffic.

They also reminded the board of how current restrictions placed on their business by the county hinders their current and future business.

Rich Givens asked how many lots were left at Maple Grove and how much it will cost to maintain the additional property.

He also asked the board to consider what would be gained by helping the Maple Grove Authority purchase the Minor Property.

Stevens made a point of Middlebury Twp. Being in a financial position to purchase the property for use by the township and as an investment.

Sinicropi made a motion to offer Mary Minor \$60,000 cash for her property. P. Dutton seconded the motion. Attorney Lynn Bowen will contact Mary Minor with the offer. Stevens will contact Mr. Bowen and provide him with the information.

**AYE: P. Dutton, E. Dutton, Stevens, Tomasek-Swan, Sinicropi
Nays: None Carried**

Call To Order

Roll Call

Scheduled Comments

7:20pm Supervisor Sinicropi left the meeting. Deputy Herendeen sat in the conduct the meeting.

Public Comments

Opened 7:47pm

Closed 8:35pm

Supervisor Sinicropi returned at 8:00pm.

Mary Minor Property Motion

**Moved by E. Dutton, seconded by P. Dutton to approve the agenda with the addition: Unfinished business (b) M-21 property (c) carpet. Ayes: All Nays None
CARRIED**

Motion to Approve Agenda

AGENDA APPROVED

**Moved by E. Dutton, seconded by P. Dutton to approve the minutes from June 10, 2010 regular township board meeting with no corrections.
AYE: All
NO: none
CARRIED**

**Minutes Approved
June 10, 2010**

**Moved by Tomasek-Swan and seconded by E. Dutton to approve the June Treasurer's report as presented.
AYE: All
NO: none
CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report Approved

**Moved by P. Dutton and seconded by E. Dutton to pay bills with checks numbered 2620-2635 in amount of \$5,736.94.
AYE: All
NO: none
CARRIED**

Bills Payment Approved

Supervisor Sinicropi read the list of election inspectors approved at the Election Commission meeting on July 8, 2010.

Communications

Board wished Tony Sinicropi a Happy Birthday.

Tomasek-Swan updated the board on the grant for improving the hall for election. It would lock the township into using the building for elections for the next six years. The estimated cost for the repair on the hall was approximately \$50.00. The grant process idea was dropped by the board because of the time involved.

Unfinished Business

Sinicropi read the letter sent to Mr. Lupe Garcia regarding the purchase of carpet from him that has not been delivered to the township. Carpet was to be dropped off to the hall on July 5th. Sinicropi will contact Doug Krebiehl to get an update on the situation.

M-21 property is scheduled for clean up on July 7th. Sinicropi will call the Health Department to get the updates. Christina Lorencz is not happy on how the marker for Randy Echicorn was placed. Sexton, John Tribfelner moved the marker out of the walkway and placed it in line with the other monuments. She also wanted the marker raised. Photos from the previous marker showed it originally was not a raised marker. If the marker is to be raised, it was suggested the family should pay for it.

New Business

John moved the urns on the Squiers Family due to the fact they were sinking and tipping. A Squiers' family member was upset but some type of foundation needs to be in place due to the size of the urns. The urns are also placed in the walk way area and need to place some where else in the plot. A letter regarding prices of foundation will be sent.

John suggested the township should consider some guidelines for the placement of flowers and items in the walkway. He will gather some guidelines from other cemeteries to present at next month meeting.

P. Dutton made a motion to approve the payment of August bills due to no August meeting. Stevens seconded the motion.

AYE: All

NO: none

CARRIED

August Bill Motion

Final Comments

Mike Herendeen suggested the board discuss future real estate transactions in a closed session.

Sinicropi stated that Charles Simpson is considering resigning from the cemetery board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 Moved by Stevens and seconded by P. Dutton.

AYE: All

NO: none

CARRIED

ADJOURNED

Susan Tomasek-Swan, Middlebury Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by
Susan Tomasek-Swan
Clerk