

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Members present were Supervisor Ron Iott, Clerk Don Appleman, Treasurer Sherry Hilkens and Trustees Randy Stanifer and Elmer Bowman.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the regular township board meeting held Tuesday, January 6th, 2009 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was offered by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

The minutes of the special township board meeting held Wednesday, January 14th, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was offered by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Reports:

The Building Department report was submitted by Building Inspector David Friend. Six (6) permits were issued in the month of January with one (1) new home permit being renewed.

The Fire Department report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department made 29 calls in the month of January 2009. Chief Metz has received two bids for a new power generator to run all phases of power at the fire hall. Several more are being solicited.

The bills were presented for payment by the clerk. Added to the bills presented was an invoice from the township Sexton in the amount of \$3,082.73 for lawnmower gas and extra maintenance work in regards to the four township cemeteries in the year of 2008. After review, a motion to pay the bills as amended was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilkens. After review, a motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by D. Appleman and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Trustee E. Bowman informed the Board that the cabinets for the conference room are here and ready to be installed.

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Reports (cont.)

Trustee R. Stanifer shared with Board members some of the information he obtained at classes he attended at the MTA Annual Conference in regards to township ordinances and penalties for violations of these ordinances. He also informed the Board that he has the boiler system working well in the fire hall after much research and work. Mr. Stanifer brought to the board's attention a letter circulated in the voting precincts during the November Presential Election and pointed out errors stated in the letter.

Supervisor Ron Iott informed Board Members that the Monroe County Road Commission has placed a 16 ton weight limit on Secor Road between Todd and Morocco roads because of the poor condition of the culvert at the Lockwood Drain. The blight issue that the township had with a property on Lewis Ave. south of Morocco Rd. has moved from there to a new location on Ida Center Road West of Secor Road.

New Business:

A blight ordinance as amended, to repeal and restate the Ida Township Blight Ordinance, Ordinance #11 effective May 13, 1970 was reviewed by board members. A motion to table action on the ordinance until next township board meeting date on March 3, 2009 was made by R. Stanifer and supported by S. Hilken. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regards to the Township Planning Commission budget. The commission along with the township planners Carlisle/Wortman & Associates, Inc. are reviewing and bringing the township master plan up to date. The Planners estimate it will cost approximately \$15,000.00 to complete.

A request to remove a sewer billing from 2869 Lewis Ave. due to the removal of the home there was discussed. The township attorney will be contacted before action is taken on the request.

A motion to send a request for a pond and sand removal on Wells Rd. back to the Planning Commission for their review of the Township Engineer and Township Planners reports, provided all application fees for special use have been paid was made by D. Appleman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

The purchase of a new 1000 gallon pumper fire truck at a cost of \$181,949.99 with extra equipment at a cost of \$11,304.00 and two sets of Jaws of Life at a cost of \$22,027.41 was discussed by the Board. A motion to purchase the truck and equipment was made by R. Stanifer and supported by S. Hilken. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes.

Bank financing of the fire truck was discussed briefly. Treasurer Sherry Hilken has obtained quotes for financing from three (3) different banks with several others being solicited.

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New Business: cont.

Bill Gere, Township Sexton, informed the Board that he will submit a letter of resignation as sexton effective February 28, 2009. Larry Kreps, Jr. will assume the duties of sexton effective March 1, 2009.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk