

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

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

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 1, 2011 Ida Township Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Stanifer and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

Reports:

The Building Department Report was submitted by Building Inspector, David Friend. A total of 6 permits were issued in the month of February with no new home starts. Two demolition permits were also issued.

The Fire Department Report was submitted by Fire Chief, Paul Metz. The Department ran a total of twenty-six (26) calls in the month of February.

The bills were presented for payment by the Clerk. After review, a motion to pay the bills was made by S. Hilkins and supported by E. Bowman. A roll call vote was taken with all votes yes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilkins. Ms Hilkins reported that at the close of tax collection on February 28, 2011 approximately 203 tax bills were yet unpaid. Ms. Hilkins also informed Board Members that street light assessments are not keeping up with the cost of the lighting itself. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

The Ida Branch Library has scheduled an Ipad and Ipod Program for Monday, March 7, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 P.M., a Garden Planning Program for Monday, March 14, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. and a Disaster Preparedness Program for Monday, March 28, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 P.M.. Also, computer classes have been scheduled for Level 1 Course for Early Beginners, March 1-April 15 from 1:00-3:00 P.M., and Intermediate Advanced Microsoft Word from March 1-April 5 from 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Supervisor R. Iott informed the Board Members that Bedford Township has adopted a Medical Marijuana Ordinance. He also stated that Ida Public Schools is ranked 35th among 583 Michigan public school districts in Math and English scores based on a reporting web site called School Diggers.com.

New Business:

A motion to allow the Monroe Intermediate School District Summer Camp Program to use the Community Room free of charge July 13, 20, and 27 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (Noon) for toddlers and their families was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkins. Motion carried.

A motion to allow the Lulu School Reunion Committee use of the Community Room for a cleaning fee of only \$65.00 on June 26, 2011 from noon until 4:00 P.M. was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkins. Motion carried.

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New Business cont.

A motion to purchase Pontem Imaging Software for cemetery record keeping at a one-time fee of \$725.00 was made by D. Appleman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

A motion to sign the Local Mowing Contract with the Monroe County Road Commission at a cost of \$17,900.00 with a correction that the second mowing shall be bank to bank in both directions was made by R. Iott and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by R. Iott and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried. The meeting duly adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk