

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010**

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 and Trustee Elmer Bowman. Trustee Randy Stanifer was absent due to a late work assignment.

Public Comment:

The meeting was opened for public comment. A letter entitled "Comments to the Ida Township Board" was presented to each Board member and read aloud by Wally Stotz.

County Commissioner Dale Zorn announced that he would not seek another term as County Commissioner, but instead would possibly seek a position as State Representative for the 56th District of the State of Michigan. Mr. Zorn's current term as County Commissioner ends December 31, 2010.

Amendment to Agenda:

A motion to amend the agenda and add two (2) Township PA 116 application requests for approval was made by S. Hilkins and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 2, 2010 Regular Township Board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkins. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special Township Board meeting held Wednesday February 24, 2010 at 9:00 AM were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by S. Hilkins and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

Reports:

The Building Department Report was submitted by Building Inspector David Friend. There were three (3) permits issued by the Department in the month of February.

The Fire Department Report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department made 31 calls in the month of February. Chief Metz informed the Board that the Department wanted to sell the old Rescue Truck currently in storage, and the old Grass Truck (24-7). He would like to use the proceeds of the sale to invest in a newer used truck that could be used to place the Skidster into. Chief Metz also stated he plans to purchase six (6) new air bottles in this year's budget at an approximate cost of \$640 each and six (6) more air bottles in next year's budget.

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 R. Iott. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes with one (1) member absent.

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The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilkens. Ms. Hilkens reported that 93% of taxes due had been paid by the end of February. In addition, revenue sharing monies are down \$19,992 to date for the fiscal year. After review a motion to accept the

Reports: (cont)

Treasurer's Report was made by E. Bowman and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Supervisor R. Iott called the Board's attention to a letter from the Monroe County Road Commission (MCRC) regarding competitive bidding to do local road projects. The current policy will sunset April 1, 2010 if not re-approved by the MCRC Board before that date. A letter will be sent to the MCRC by Supervisor R. Iott asking that they continue the policy.

New Business:

A motion to set the Spring Clean Up date for Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

A resolution was made by E. Bowman and supported by D. Appleman to approve an Application for Hardship Exemption Form, approve 2010 Hardship Income Standards, and allow residents to appeal by letter to the Board of Review. A roll call vote was taken and four (4) votes were yes with one (1) member absent. Discussion on a Board of Review Alternate was held with no action taken.

Treasurer S. Hilkens asked the Board to approve expenses for her to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute classes April 25 through April 30, 2010 in Mt. Pleasant at a cost of \$550 registration fee plus lodging and meals. After a brief discussion the request was tabled until the April 6, 2010 Township Board meeting.

A motion to allow Ida Farmer's Co-Op use of the Community Room March 24, 2010 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM and pay only the cleaning fee of \$65.00 was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

A motion to allow MCISD usage of the Township Park and Community Room at no charge from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on the following dates: July 19; July 26; August 9; was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to set the starting wage for the new Township Deputy Clerk at \$12.00 per hour with review in three (3) months with the possibility to increase to \$13.00 per hour was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Supervisor R. Iott submitted to the Board the name of Karen Lieb to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. A motion to approve the appointment was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried. After approving the appointment the Board

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discussed appointing Ms. Lieb to the position of Planning Coordinator since the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act does not allow a person to be on the Planning Commission and be an employee of the Township at the same time. E. Bowman then rescinded his motion to approve the appointment and S. Hilkens supported the motion to rescind. Motion to rescind

Old Business: (cont)

carried. A motion was then made to appoint Karen Lieb as Planning Coordinator and Recording Secretary to the Planning Commission by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

A motion to set the pay rate for the Planning Coordinator and Recording Secretary at \$16.00 per hour with a limit of 10 hours per month or hours as needed to perform work load was made by S. Hilkens and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Action on the Subdivision Control Ordinance was tabled for a future meeting.

A motion to table action on the Proposed Master Plan until after a workshop meeting to review the contents was made by E. Bowman and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

A motion to approve PA 116 applications for Scott Otto for 23.4 acres on Geiger Road, parcel #08-023-025-01, and Clyde Otto for 23 acres on Yarger Road, parcel #08-036-018-00 was made by R. Iott and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk