

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 5, 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 March 1, 2011 Ida Township Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by S. Hilkins and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Reports:

There were only six (6) permits issued by the Township Building Department in the month of March with no new home starts.

The Fire Department Report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department ran a total of thirty-three (33) calls in the month of March. Chief Metz presented Board Members with three (3) separate quotes for new turnout gear. Present turnout gear is approximately ten (10) years old. Chief Metz asked if twenty-three (23) units could be replaced with the possibility of replacing twelve (12) units in the next fiscal year budget and the other half in the following fiscal year budget. To replace twenty-three (23) units would cost about \$32,000.

A motion to amend the agenda to add a Metro Act Permit request from Merit Network, Inc., a proposal from Mannik & Smith to provide engineering services for the Ida-Raisinville Sewage System to monitor flows from the pump station feeding the Ida-Raisinville Lagoons, and a letter to Ms Jennifer Krejcik Environmental Quality Analyst from County Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Stefanski was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

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

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilkins. After review a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Trustee E. Bowman informed the Board Members that he, along with Supervisor Iott and two representatives from the Monroe County Road Commission traveled the local roads to determine maintenance and repair needs for the coming fiscal year.

The Ida Branch Library held fifty-four (54) events in March with 869 people in attendance. Circulation items for February 2011 were up 7% compared to the same period last year.

New Business:

A motion to make adjustments to the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget as presented on the Adjustment Sheet given to each Board Member was made by S. Hilkins and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

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New Business cont.

A request for removal of a sewer hook-up for the Catholic Convent building in the Village of Ida was tabled until the May 4, 2011.

A motion to approve two (2) P.A. 116 applications from Kim Lennard in Section 33 of 84 acres and 54.6 acres respectively was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

A motion to charge \$.50 per copy for letter-sized color copies, \$.75 for legal sized color copies and \$1.00 for 11X17 sized color copies was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt a Fund Balance Policy designed to provide accounting guidance for determining appropriate levels of reserves was made by R. Iott and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to raise the cleaning fee charge to \$75.00 when the Community Room is used with no rental fee charged, but keep the \$65 cleaning fee charge for funerals without rental fee charges was made by R. Stanifer and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

Supervisor R. Iott presented Board Members with a letter from Daniel W. Stefanski, Monroe County Drain Commissioner, written to Jennifer Krejcik, Environmental Quality Analyst from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding slope erosion at the Ida-Raisinville Sanitary Sewer System. The letter proposes corrective action on the erosion problem. A motion to enter into a contract with Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Ida-Raisinville Sewage System to monitor flows from the pump station feeding the Ida-Raisinville Lagoons at a cost of \$6,600 was made by D. Appleman and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a Metro Act application from Merit Network, Inc. to operate in Ida Township local road right of way was made by R. Iott and supported by S. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ryan Timiney from Knabusch Insurance Services, Inc. informed the Board Members regarding progress in establishing the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund (WCSIF). A motion to have Ida Township become part of the MTA WCSIF was made by R. Iott and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Paul Metz informed the Board that the sidewalks in front of the Fire Station need repaired.

Treasurer Sherry Hilkens wanted to go on record as opposing the once per month street cleaning of streets in the Village of Ida at a cost of \$238.50 per cleaning.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by E. Bowman and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried. The meeting duly adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk