

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday May 4, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Members present were Supervisor Ron Iott, Clerk Don Appleman, Treasurer Sherry Hilken, Trustees Randy Stanifer and Elmer Bowman.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 5, 2011 Ida Township Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to amend the agenda and add a request letter for the Community Room usage, and the April 19, 2011 Special Meeting minutes was offered by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilken. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 19, 2011 Township Board Special Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was offered by R. Iott and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Reports:

There were eight (8) permits issued by the Township Building Department in the month of April with no new home starts.

The Fire Department Report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department ran a total of eighteen (18) calls in the month of April. Chief Metz asked permission to purchase ten (10) sets of turn out gear at a cost of \$13,895.10. A motion to grant the permission was offered by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried. Some discussion was held regarding Community Days on May 21, 2011.

The bills were presented for payment by the Clerk. Two invoices from Delker's Auto Care Center are to be verified that they are not both for the same service. 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 Hilken. After review a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by E. Bowman and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Trustees reported that the playground needs wood chips under the playground equipment. They also stated that the bricks have been replaced that were missing by the Reader Board by Lewis Avenue.

R. Iott informed Board Members that the Ida Public Schools would like a sign placed at the entrance to the school property along Lewis Avenue indicating the direction to the school. R. Iott will check on various pricing before purchasing and installing.

The Library Report was submitted by Librarian Suzanne Krueger. May programs and events at the Ida Branch Library include Book Clubs, family programs such as Teddy Bear Picnic and Home-School Computer Forum, Friends of Ida Library Book Sale and Lego Block Party.

New Business:

A resolution to proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness Month was made by D. Appleman and supported by R. Stanifer. Resolution carried.

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New Business cont.

A motion to allow Val Gun/Ida Relay for Life usage of the Community Room for only the cleaning fee of \$75.00 was offered by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

A proposal from Township Planners Carlisle Wortman & Associates to update the Township's current Zoning Ordinance was reviewed by Board Members. A motion to contract with Carlisle Wortman & Associates for the update of the Ida Township Zoning Ordinance at a cost of \$11,020 was offered by R. Iott and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

A motion to allow Katherine Pigott to erect a tent on Township property during Community Days on May 21, 2011 to collect books which will be donated to Ida Elementary School was offered by R. Iott and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Laura Kreps from Carlisle Wortman & Associates was present to briefly discuss the Township Master Plan update. A question was asked as to why the new Census information was not in the update. Ms Kreps explained that the information was not available at the time of printing and would not be available in its entirety for several years. A motion to adopt the new Master Plan was offered by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A motion to remove a sewer tap from the property at 2882 Southwick Street in the Village of Ida that was formerly the Catholic Convent building that was torn down was offered by D. Appleman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried. The meeting duly adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk