

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 6th, 2009**

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

Public Comment:

The meeting was opened for public comment. An Ida West Road resident commented on suspected activities on a property on Ida West Road of which a special land use request application had been denied by the Ida Township Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the Regular Township Board meeting held on April 7, 2009 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Ida Township Board workshop meetings held Monday April 13th and April 27th were approved on a motion from R. Iott and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

Reports:

There were 11 permits issued by the Ida Township Building Department in the month of April.

The Fire Department report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department made 39 runs in the month of April. Chief Metz was questioned by Board members in regards to expenses incurred in a trip to Corbin, KY by a number of firemen to pick up a new tanker fire truck and undergo training on its operation. Some discussion was held on the purchase of a new self contained generator for the Township Fire Hall. Discussion was tabled until more detailed information is obtained in regards to how the building is wired and the exact size of generator would be needed to run all services in the building.

The bills were submitted for payment by the Clerk. After review, a motion to pay the bills as presented was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes.

A motion to adjust the General Fund and Fire Equipment Fund Budgets in accordance with the budget sheets presented to each Board Member (copy attached) was made by R. Iott and supported by E Bowman. Motion carried.

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

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Reports (cont.)

Supervisor R. Iott informed Board Members that ITC will be trimming trees underneath power lines in the township.

Suzanne Krueger, Ida Township Librarian, presented an Ida Library report of activities and events (copy attached).

New Business:

Copy fees and FOIA requests was tabled until a procedure policy is drawn up.

A motion to contract with Digital Perspective to upgrade the office server at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00 which will include antivirus software and labor to install at \$88.00 per hour was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing Electronic Transactions (R-14-09) and a Township Policy for Automated Clearing House (ACH) Arrangements and Electronic Transactions of Funds (R-15-09) was offered by R. Iott and supported by S. Hilkens. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes.

A Resolution (R-13-09) to purchase a small vacant piece of property at the Northwest corner of the Ida Township Park, Tax ID#5808-003-029-06, was offered by S. Hilkens and supported by D. Appleman. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes.

Performance Bonds for ponds was discussed. A motion to require all bonds to be either cash or an irrevocable letter of deposit at a bank was made by R. Stanifer and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

Appointment of an electrical inspector to replace Ed Jaromin who passed away was tabled until the July 2009 Township Board meeting and research is completed on electrical permit fees.

Local road maintenance was discussed extensively. Discussion centered around using brine instead of chloride for dust control this year; how many miles of local roads can the township afford to single seal ; and single seal and wedge two feet each side of at least one mile of Lulu Road west of Lewis Ave. Road projects discussed would cost approximately \$270,000.00.

A motion to accept Brian Angerer's resignation from the Ida Township Planning Commission was made by R. Iott and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Supervisor R. Iott appointed Ed Stotz to the Ida Township Planning Commission to complete the term of Larry Kreps who resigned to take the position of Township Sexton.

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New Business (cont.)

The term will end 11-30-2009. A motion to approve the appointment was made by D. Appleman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a job description for Recording Secretary/Planning Commission Coordinator and budget 8 hours per week to cover costs was made by R. Stanifer and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

A motion to allow free usage of the Community Room for the Lulu School Reunion August 9th, 2009 was made by R. Stanifer and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk