

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday June 7, 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.

Amend the Agenda:

A motion to amend the agenda and add a resolution to close a section of Lewis Avenue for the Christmas in Ida Parade, and a letter of resignation from a Planning Commission member was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 4, 2011 Ida Township Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. The minutes are to be amended to correct that the sewer service fees are to be removed from the property at 2882 Southwick Street not the sewer tap. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Reports:

The Township Building Department issued thirteen (13) permits in the month of May 2011.

Fireman Larry Denniss submitted the Fire Department Report which showed that twenty-six (26) calls were made in the month of May 2011.

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

A motion to allow the Clerk to pay any large bills to the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2011 was made by S. Hilken and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilken. Mrs. Hilken reported that payment on all delinquent taxes has been received from the County. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

The Ida Branch Library Report was submitted by Librarian Suzanne Krueger. Circulation items in April totaled 4,922 which is up 7% from the previous year. May computer statistics showed 369 patrons used the public computers.

New Business:

A motion to discontinue holding an Annual Township Meeting was made by S. Hilken and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sherry Hilken presented Board Members with an opinion letter from Martin J. Kamprath, Ida Township Attorney, entitled "Ethics and Conflicts" regarding the Township Treasurer utilizing a local bank for the deposit of township funds while said Treasurer is also a temporary, on-call, non-management teller employee of the same bank. Attorney Kamprath stated in his opinion letter that it was his best information and belief that there exists no Ida Township Code of Ethics or Conflicts Policy which regulates or prohibits the Township Treasurer from being employed at the same bank with which he or she deposits Township funds. The letter in its entirety shall be made part of these minutes.

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New Business cont.

Insurance Agent, Ryan Timiney presented a brief summary of the renewal policy with selective insurance. A motion to continue coverage with Selective Insurance was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget adjustments as per sheet given to each Board Member was made by R. Iott and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to approve PA 116 Farmland Agreement applications for Larry & Dianne Metz, Ed & Michelle Stotz and Kim Lennard & Sons was made by R. Stanifer and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

A motion to send a letter to Blight Officer, Bill Greenhalgh discharging him from his duties as Blight Officer for Ida Township was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt Resolution R17-11 to amend the Ida Township Zoning Ordinance #14 to comply with the Michigan Enabling Act PA 33 of 2008 to become effective July 1, 2011 until further consideration and decision by the Ida Township Board was made by R. Stanifer and supported by D. Appleman. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the letter of resignation from Brad Kamprath as Township Planning Commissioner effective May 13, 2011 was made by D. Appleman and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

Trustee R. Stanifer suggested to the Board that in the future any openings for positions on any Boards or Commissions including janitorial positions be advertised on the township website.

A resolution to allow for road closure of a part of Lewis Avenue during the Christmas in Ida Parade the first week in December was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Iott. Resolution carried.

A motion to approve Supervisor R. Iott's appointment of Daniel Zdybek to the Ida Township Planning Commission to complete the term of Brad Kamprath which ends November 30, 2011, who resigned from the Commission, was made by E. Bowman and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A motion to accept a proposed contract in its entirety with R&R Lawncare to mow the Township Park and trim and maintain the shrubs around the Township building was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Wood Fiber Safety Surfacing for the playground area of the Township Park was discussed. A motion to purchase as close to 200 yards of wood fiber as possible was made by E. Bowman and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried. Supervisor R. Iott will order the material.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried. The meeting duly adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk