

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday October 4, 2011**

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, Trustees Randy Stanifer and Elmer Bowman.

**Public Comment:**

The meeting was opened for public comment. A township resident questioned the wisdom in the monies being spent for attorney fees enforcing the Township Ordinance regarding the motorsport track on Ida West Road.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Regular Township Board Meeting held September 6, 2011 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

The Building Department report was submitted by Building Inspector David Friend. A total of fifteen (15) permits were issued during the month of September.

The Fire Department Report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department ran a total of twenty-six (26) calls in the month of September. The Department is down to just sixteen (16) members at the present time.

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

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilkens. After review a motion to accept the Report was made by R. Iott and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Street Light Assessments were discussed. Treasurer Sherry Hilkens gave each Board Member a list of current assessments and payments showing that the annual costs being charged by Detroit Edison for street lights is greater than the money coming in through assessments by about \$1,800 per year. A motion to raise the assessments on Ida and Sherwood Park Street Lights by 20%, and Lulu Street Lights by 15% was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

The Ida Branch Library report was submitted by Ida Librarian, Susanne Krueger. The Ida Library had twenty-four (24) events in September with 1192 people in attendance.

**New Business:**

A motion to upgrade one of the old election tabulators currently in storage, at a cost of \$550.00 was made by R. Stanifer and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried. The upgrade will not take place until the tabulators now in use receive the latest upgrades.

A motion to set Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2011 from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

A proclamation proclaiming November to be Native American Heritage Month was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Proclamation carried.

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**New Business cont:**

Discussion was held regarding a proposal from Monroe County to issue Refunding Bonds to refund all or a portion of the outstanding 2004 Bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates and achieve savings on the outstanding 2004 Bonds for the Ida Water Supply System. A motion to give the Monroe County Commissioners the authority to proceed with the refunding was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

A Resolution approving the Refunding Contract with the County of Monroe as presented was made by D. Appleman and supported by S. Hilkens. A roll call vote was taken with all votes yes.

A resident asked about road repair on Rauch Road between Jackman and Lewis.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by D. Appleman and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried. The meeting duly adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman  
Ida Township Clerk