

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday November 1, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. 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 Regular Township Board Meeting held October 4, 2011 were reviewed. A motion was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer to rescind the motion from the October 4, 2011 meeting to raise the street lighting assessments in the Ida and Sherwood Park Districts by twenty percent (20%), and in the Lulu District by fifteen percent (15%). The motion carried. A motion was made by S. Hilken and supported by R. Iott to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Reports:

The Building Department Report was submitted by Building Official David Friend. A total of twenty-four (24) permits were issued during the month of October with no new home starts. Mr. Friend stated that some blight at the Hickory Park location has been identified.

The Fire Department Report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department ran a total of forty-six (46) calls in the month of October and has run 304 calls to date in 2011. Chief Metz was asked to notify the Township Assessor of any buildings that are damaged or destroyed by fire.

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

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilken. Ms Hilken reported that the closing for the Water District Bond refinancing would be on November 7, 2011. \$310,000 in reserve funds was paid on the bond at the time of the closing. Refinancing saved the Water District approximately \$165,000. A motion to accept the Report was made by R. Iott and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

The Ida Branch Library Report was submitted by Ida Librarian, Susanne Krueger. The Ida Library had twenty-nine (29) events held during the month of October including eight (8) classroom visits of the Ida Elementary School for a total of 664 people of all ages attending the programs.

New Business:

A motion to approve the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Audit conducted by Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth and Carlton PLLC, the Township's CPA's was made by D. Appleman and supported by S. Hilken. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Supervisor Ron Iott's recommended reappointments of Ron Zabawa and Dan Zdybek to the Ida Township Planning Commission for three (3) year terms beginning December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2014 was made by R. Stanifer and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

A motion to allow an early partial withdrawal from the Township's Pension Plan for a Township employee was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. A roll call vote was taken with all votes being yes. Motion carried.

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New Business cont:

A motion to pay expenses for any Township elected or appointed official attending the Annual MTA Conference being held in Detroit in January 24, 25, and 26, 2012 was made by R. Stanifer and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

A 20" Exhaust Fan that has been in storage for a number of years will be set out in the Township Offices for viewing for anyone who wants to enter a sealed bid to purchase it. Bids will be opened December 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the Township Offices. The fan will go to the high bidder. All bids are final.

A motion to contract with Marflo's Lawn Service for snow removal of Township parking lots and around the Fire Hall entrance for the same cost per cleaning as last year, and David Friend to clean the sidewalks and walking path in the Township Park for the same cost per cleaning as last year was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

A motion to allow the After-Prom Committee use of the Community Room on November 16, 2011 at 6:00 PM for \$65.00 which is only the cleaning fee was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried. The meeting duly adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk