

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 1st, 2009**

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 Hilkens and Trustees Randy Stanifer and Elmer Bowman.

Public Comment:

In the public comment segment, the question was asked as to the progress of the lawsuit with the motorcross track. Township officials are not allowed to comment on lawsuits while under litigation.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the regular Township Board meeting held November 3, 2009 were reviewed. The minutes are to be amended to show that support for a motion to approve free usage of the Community Room December 5, 2009 for Cornerstone Church and paying cleaning fee only was supported by R. Stanifer not S. Hilkens. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Township Board meeting held November 10, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

Reports:

The Township Building Department issued a total of 18 permits in the month of November.

The Fire Department report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department made 32 calls in the month of November. The Department has also received a grant from the DNR in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be used towards the purchase of a skid unit that slides into the back of a fire truck.

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

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilkens. Ms. Hilkens informed the Board that \$75,000.00 of the voted millage monies that will be collected this tax year for support of the Ida Township Fire Department will be placed in a Capital Improvement account as voted by the Township Board at their August 6th, 2008 Regular Township Board meeting.

A motion was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer to rescind a motion made at the November 3, 2009 regular Township Board meeting that any Board member or Township employee who wishes to attend the annual MTA conference in January 2010 pay their own way. Motion carried.

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Reports: (cont.)

A motion to pay the registration fee only for Treasurer Sherry Hilkens to attend the annual MTA Conference in January 2010 was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by R. Stanifer and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

The printer used in the Treasurer's Department broke down. The cost to repair was estimated to be nearly half the cost of a new printer.

A motion to purchase a new printer for the Treasurer's Department was made by E Bowman and supported by Sherry Hilkens. Motion carried.

Trustee E. Bowman informed Board members that the Christmas lights will be hung on the Township building Wednesday December 2, 2009 and Trustee R. Stanifer informed Board members that he had repaired the doggie bag holder in the Township Park.

An estimate to construct stone driveways in Lulu Red Maple Cemetery was reviewed. Another bid will be solicited before Board action is taken.

There was no library report.

A motion to table action on on pond ordinance until after workshop meeting was made by D. Appleman and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to deny a request for free usage of the Community Room and not pay a cleaning fee was made by E Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Copy fees and FOIA procedures, Planning Commission appointment, and Subdivision Control Ordinance amendment were all tabled until after the workshop meeting.

A workshop meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Tuesday December 8th, 2009.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk