

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 2, 2008

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:

The meeting was opened for public comment. Darrin Felkey of Southeast Michigan Motor Sports LLC asked the Board for a detailed copy of all the expenses incurred in regards to their request for a special land use approval. Mike Perkins asked the Board why his taxes are going up when his property values are going down and if there is any tax relief available.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November 5th, 2008 township board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Reports:

The Building Department report was submitted by Building Inspector David Friend. Only three (3) permits were issued in the month of November. There were no new home starts. There were a total of 95 permits issued for the year 2008 with only three new home permits in that period. Lingering pond issues on Kruse Road and Morocco Road and a utility building erected on a property on Secor Road in violation of the township zoning ordinance was discussed. Letters will be sent to the property owners from the township attorney in an attempt to resolve the issues.

The Fire Department report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The department ran 28 calls in the month of November and 413 to date for the year.

A new power pack is needed for the Jaws of Life. The cost to replace the unit new would be approximately \$21,000.00. Chief Metz is looking a some less costly options for the replacement. The department is also in need of a second heart monitoring unit for rescue calls. A motion to purchase a new

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Reports (cont.)

unit and equipment at a cost of \$1,227.00 was made by E. Bowman and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

Chief Metz also obtained a bid for a liquid cooled natural gas fired generator for use in the fire hall building in case of power outages at a cost of \$8,000.00. Other bids will be solicited before a purchase is made.

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

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilkens. Remaining playground monies will be placed in the General Fund and all future playground expenses will be paid through the General Fund. After review, a motion to accept the report was made by D. Appleman and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sherry Hilkens asked the Township Board for permission to access her Excell program on her office computer from her computer at home. Digital Perspective will be consulted to make sure there will be no virus or other problems. Ms. Hilkens also informed the Board that a new computer server will be needed for the township office.

A motion was made by R. Stanifer and supported by D. Appleman to allow the Ida Middle School P.T.O. to use the community room free of charge December 19th, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and January 17th, 2009 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion to allow the Monroe County Drain Commission use of the community room free of charge December 17th, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. was made by R. Iott and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

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Trustee Elmer Bowman informed the Board that the the four Red Maple trees have been planted in the Lulu Red Maple Cemetery.

New Business:

Supervisor R. Iott reappointed Lester Schulmp, Bruce Campbell, and Suzette Biela to the Board of Review for another two year term beginning at 12:00 noon January 1, 2009 through 11:59 a.m. January 1, 2011. A motion to approve the appointments was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

A motion to appoint Larry Kreps as Ida Township Sexton to replace William Gere upon retirement was made by R. Iott and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

A motion to appoint at will David Friend to remove snow from sidewalks around township buildings and the walking path in the park area at a cost of \$50.00 per cleaning was made by R. Stanifer and supported by R. Iott. Motion carried.

A Resolution to collect a 1% Administration Fee on all property taxes was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilkens. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes.

The township calendars are completed and will sell for \$4.00 each. They can be picked up at the township office Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A charitable donation from Carlisle Wortman & Associates which they make every year to Ida Township was directed to the Ida Schools Christmas Food program for needy families. A card of thanks will be sent to Carlisle Wortman & Associates expressing the township's appreciation and gratitude for the donation.

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New Business (cont.)

A blight notice sent by registered mail and refused to be accepted by the recipient will be given to the Monroe County Sheriff Department for serving.

Old Business: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Hilkens and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk