

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday December 6, 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 Hilkens, Trustees Randy Stanifer and Elmer Bowman.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 1, 2011 Ida Township Board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. The motion carried.

Reports:

The Building Department Report was submitted by Building Inspector David Friend. A total of eight (8) permits were issued in the month of November. There were no new home starts.

The Fire Department Report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department ran a total of twenty-eight (28) calls in the month of November and 332 calls for the year 2011. A CO2 detector is needed to replace the old one which cannot be calibrated anymore. A motion to give Chief Metz permission to purchase a new CO2 detector at a cost of \$1,478 was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

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. Iott. 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 Treasurer's Report was made by R. Iott and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Trustee E. Bowman informed Board Members that a neighbor next to Lulu Red Maple Cemetery would like the Township to fence in the west and north sides of the cemetery that are next to his property.

The Library Report was submitted by Ida Librarian, Susanne Krueger. Events at the Ida Library for December include Holidays Around the World December 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM; Winter Fairy Tea Party December 28th at 2:00 PM and Homeschooler Computer Class for teens December 14th at 10:30 AM.

New Business:

Don Link, an Engineer from the firm of Mannik & Smith discussed with the Board an S-2 Grant Application for an engineering study to determine the repairs needed for the Ida-Raisinville sewer system. The study will cost \$113,950. The grant would cover all the costs of the study except approximately \$2,000. A resolution to authorize the Engineering Firm of Mannik & Smith to submit the Grant Application to the Michigan Finance Authority and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was made by D. Appleman and supported by R. Iott. A roll call vote was taken. All votes were yes. Motion carried.

A resolution to reduce the number of Ida Township Constables from two (2) to one (1) was made by S. Hilkens and supported by R. Stanifer. A roll call vote was taken with all votes being yea. Motion carried.

Compensation for phone usage in regards to the Blight Enforcement was discussed. Compensation was placed hold until the extent of usage could be determined and will be revisited at the January Township Board meeting.

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Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by D. Appleman and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried. The meeting duly adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk