

**IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Members present were Treasurer Sherry Hilkens, Clerk Don Appleman, Trustees Elmer Bowman and Randy Stanifer. Supervisor Ron Iott was absent.

In the absence of Supervisor Iott, Clerk Appleman opened the meeting and nominated Treasurer Hilkens to chair the meeting. Trustee Bowman supported the nomination. All members present supported the nomination and so carried.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment from approximately ten (10) people present.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 3, 2010 Regular Township Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special Township Board Meeting held November 23, 2010 at 2:00 PM were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Stanifer and supported by S. Hilkens. Motion carried.

Reports:

The Building Department issued 25 permits in the month of November including one (1) new home start.

The Fire Department Report was submitted by Fire Chief Paul Metz. The Department ran thirty (30) calls in the month of November. Firefighter I and II classes will be held in the upstairs room of the Fire Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays until classes are completed.

The bills were presented for payment by the Clerk. Added to the bills presented was an invoice from Delker's Service in the amount of \$397.90. After review, a motion to pay the bills was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. A roll call vote was taken with four (4) yes and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Sherry Hilkens. Ms Hilkens reported that the winter tax bills have been sent out and payments are coming in. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by D. Appleman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

The Library Report was submitted by Librarian, Suzanne Krueger. A total of 4,758 items were circulated in the month of October and 438 people used the computers in November. 993 people attended program events in November.

New Business:

Joanna Uhl, Dundee Township Supervisor presented a plaque to the Ida Township Fire Department in recognition of their efforts, hard work, and dedication in response to the tornado disaster, which passed through the Dundee area in May of 2010.

Agent Ryan Timiney from Knabusch Insurance Services, Inc. addressed the Board in regards to the new Worker's Compensation Self Insurance Fund being promoted through Michigan Townships Association. Mr. Timiney explained how the fund would work, and the benefit for townships to opt into the system.

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New Business cont.

A list of six (6) names of Ida Township residents was submitted to the Township Board for consideration for possible Board of Review appointments. After review and discussion a motion to appoint Suzette Biela, David Kubiske, and James Bartell as Board of Review members for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2012 with Bruce Campbell, Lester Schlump and James Thomson as alternate members to serve for the same term was made by R. Stanifer and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

A resolution was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman to approve and application for the transfer of a Liquor License from RPM Bar & Grill, LLC to transfer 50% membership from Lori Harris to new member Cheryl M. Hoffman. A roll call vote was taken with four (4) yes votes and one (1) member absent.

A Monroe County Land Preservation Board resolution regarding the selection criteria and scoring system in order to place priority on land that, if preserved, would be most likely to benefit the long term viability of agriculture in Monroe County. The item was tabled until the January Township Board meeting.

A motion to approve a Lease Agreement to lease a new copy machine from Great America Leasing Corporation at a cost of \$119.18 per month was made by R. Stanifer and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

A motion to approve a Metro Act application from Merit Network to use the public right of way in the Township of Ida was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Stripping and waxing the bathroom and kitchen floors in the Township and Library offices as well as the Community Room was discussed. Only one (1) bid has been received. A motion to obtain a second bid and award the work to the lowest bidder was made by R. Stanifer and supported by E. Bowman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A motion to approve the abandonment of an Unnamed Street whose dimensions are 325.34' length by 30' wide, north of Prairie Street adjacent to the railroad right of way (survey and diagram attached) was made by S. Hilken and supported by D. Appleman. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Master Plan revisions and resubmit them to surrounding municipalities was made by E. Bowman and supported by R. Stanifer. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by E. Bowman and supported by S. Hilken. Motion carried. The meeting duly adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Appleman
Ida Township Clerk