

IDA TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2019

The Meeting of the Ida Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Members present were Supervisor Paul Metz, Clerk Karen Jo Lieb, Treasurer Sherry Hilkins, Trustee Elmer Bowman and Randy Stanifer.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by K. Lieb with support by P. Metz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Township Board Meeting held January 2, 2019 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by E. Bowman with support by P. Metz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports: The Building Department Report was presented by Building Inspector David Friend. He stated that he issued 15 permits totaling \$1,649.00 for the month of January with no new home starts. Discussion held about moving ladders in the supply room due to safety hazards.

Zoning Administrator David Friend had nothing to report regarding Zoning Department activity.

The Fire Department Report was presented by Fire Chief Kirt Horn. Chief Horn stated that in January they conducted 39 runs. He reported that new portable radios have been received and are being programmed and ready for distribution. There may be a programming fee that has to be paid for approximately \$8,000.00 which he put in his 2018/2019 budget. Fire Chief Horn stated that an Automatic Electric Defibrillator "AED" machine will be placed in the Township Municipal Building for usage in case of an emergency and that all staff will need to be trained on it.

The Clerk presented the bills for review. Added to the bills was an invoice from D&P Communication for the Fire Hall Phone and Internet for \$128.36. A motion to pay the bills as amended was made by R. Stanifer with support S. Hilkins. A roll call vote was taken as follows: E. Bowman: yes; S. Hilkins: yes; P. Metz: yes; K. Lieb: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer S. Hilkins. Treasurer Hilkins discussed the price increase for the streetlight bills and stated that we may need to increase the assessments to cover the cost. After review, a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by P. Metz with support E. Bowman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Metz reported that the Monroe County Drain Commission will be repairing the Minx Rd. culvert on approximately March 1, 2019. P. Metz also informed the Board Members regarding a Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA) that was requested to the Township from a Gary Wilmoth.

The Blight Officer Report was presented by Blight Officer MaryAnne Ortman.

The Library Report was reviewed by the Board.

New Business:

Discussion held regarding mowing of the Township Cemeteries. Motion to place the lawn mowing and weed trimming of the four Township cemeteries out for bids to be due for the March 5th, 2019 board meeting was made by E. Bowman with support by P. Metz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Lieb with support by S. Hilkins to remove job duty item #4 (cemetery mowing) from Township Sexton Larry Kreps' employment agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the request for a SDM Liquor License Permit from Dolgencorp, LLC located at 3245 Lewis Ave., Ida, Michigan. Applicant/Licensee: Dolgencorp, LLC (a/k/a Dollar General). No action taken.

The Board reviewed the Ida Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines, Application and Asset Test. After review, a motion was made by K. Lieb with support by S. Hilkins to adopt the Resolution approving the Ida Township 2019 Poverty Exemption income guidelines and asset test. A roll call vote was taken as follows: E. Bowman: yes; S. Hilkins: yes; P. Metz: yes; K. Lieb: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Discussion held regarding the 2019 Michigan Township Association Educational Conference being held in Grand Rapids on April 1 through April 4, 2019. Motion by E. Bowman with support by P. Metz to allow two (2) officials to attend which can include one member from the Planning Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by E. Bowman with support by R. Stanifer to set Spring Clean Up for Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in coordination with Raisinville Township. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Discussion held regarding an engineering proposal regarding maintenance for the Ida/Raisinville Sewer System. Motion by K. Lieb with support by P. Metz to table until March 5, 2019 meeting or until special meeting is called. All in favor. Motion carried.

After discussion held regarding the Recreational Marijuana ordinance draft ordinance adopted at the December 4, 2018 Township Board meeting, R. Stanifer made a motion to withdraw his motion as the Township does not currently have a civil infraction ordinance for enforcement. Support by K. Lieb. A roll call vote was taken as follows: E. Bowman: yes; S. Hilkins: yes; P. Metz: yes; K. Lieb: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Stanifer with support by K. Lieb to adopt the Ida Township Ordinance No. 108-18 "Ida Township Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance" as drafted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: E. Bowman: yes; S. Hilkins: yes; P. Metz: yes; K. Lieb: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding General Code Enforcement Officer and Compensation. Motion to appoint MaryAnne Ortman as the General Code Enforcement Officer effective immediately was made by K. Lieb with support by P. Metz. Consideration for a salary increase will be tabled until March 5, 2019 Township Board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding Mobilitie adding an antenna on a pole located in the road right-of-way at the intersection of Westwood and Lewis Ave. No action taken.

Discussion held regarding the appointment of a Planning Commission member to the vacant seat. A motion was made by K. Lieb with support by P. Metz to appoint Tammy Kamprath for a partial three (3) year term expiring November 30, 2021. A roll call vote was taken as follows: E. Bowman: yes; S. Hilkins: yes; P. Metz: yes; K. Lieb: yes. R. Stanifer: yes. All in favor. Motion carried. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by K. Lieb with support by E. Bowman. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jo Lieb, Ida Township Clerk