

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING Minutes

265 W David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station
August 9th 2016

- 1) The regular Orange Township meeting was called to order at 7pm
- 2) Present; Green, Plett, Wittenbach, First and DePotty
- 3) Pledge of allegiance by all present
- 4) Public comment – none
- 5) Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with the addition of information on financial CD's added under "new business" made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 6) Correspondence and Current Information: assorted items were presented including updated information about David Hwy Bridge. Bridge is on track to be completed ahead of schedule
- 7) Minutes from the July 2016 board meeting were read by Plett. Motion to approve minutes made by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 8) Treasurer's Report was read by Wittenbach. Motion to approve report made by Plett with support from First. Motion carried
- 9) Monthly Bills were presented by Plett. Motion to approve bills made by DePotty with support from First. Motion carried
- 10) Reports
 - A) Zoning report –
 - 1) Discussion on Schoenborn's RIP slaughterhouse/rendering plant located at 703 Peck Lake Rd. Legal advice had been sought and their research conclusion is that by definition RIP is considered a slaughterhouse and therefore is not required to seek rezoning. There have been many complaints filed with the state on different issues against RIP and RIP Farms timeline documentation for improvements was not available in time for this meeting. Problems with excessive odors and road spillage still persist. Residents should continue contacting the state DEQ with issues and Supervisor Green will contact the County Health Department again with these issues.
 - 2) Issues on Ionia Road update – nothing has changed as cars at the business site are still parking alongside the roadway hindering any possible safe traffic flow. Traffic can barely get through and the resident's children have been known to play in the roadway making the area even more dangerous for drivers to maneuver through safely. An officer from Ionia County Sheriff's Department will speak with the business owner/resident about the situation. ICRC is handling the issue of the scraping and removal of gravel and brine from that same Ionia Rd roadway section to that same business/resident's driveway for his own use. They will also check into the Deaf Child signage.
 - B) Fire Station – June had 32 runs total with 12 for Orange Township. July had 22 runs with 10 for Orange. An estimation for fixing and painting Engine #1 came in at \$19,000.

*Board Members; Supervisor; Tom Green Clerk; Linn Plett
Treasurer; Karla Wittenbach Trustee; Wayne DePotty Trustee; Josh First*

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C) Assessor – no report

11) New Business –

A) DePotty presented current CD information from area financial institutions for future consideration by the board.

B) Information pertaining to Steele Cemetery for lowering the ditch for easier and safer mowing presented by Steve Rogers. Rogers also presented 2 estimates for grinding out 2 stumps

12) Old Business - none

13) Public comments – Questions from residents as to who to approach for speed reduction on roads. They were directed to contact MDOT with those questions.

14) Motion to adjourn made at 8:35 by DePotty with support from First Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Linn Plett
Orange Township Clerk

Approved Sept 13th 2016