

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING Minutes

265 W David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station
March 12 2013 7:00pm

- 1) The regular Orange Township March 12th 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:05pm
- 2) Present; DePotty, Plett, Wittenbach, Green and First
- 3) Pledge of allegiance by all
- 4) Public comment – Representative from Country Boy Lawn care was present and turned in a bid for cemetery lawn care
- 5) Approval of Agenda: Motion made by DePotty with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried.
- 6) Correspondence and Current Information: assorted items were presented. Discussion of information from Portland ambulance and the contract amendment from Eppler for the PA 425 contract. Contract will be read over and sent to township lawyer by Green.
- 7) Minutes of February's Board meeting were read by Plett. Motion to approve minutes made by Wittenbach with support from First. Motion carried. Minutes from Budget Workshop Meeting held on Feb 27th were read by Plett Motion to approve made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty motion carried
- 8) Treasurer's Report was read by Wittenbach. Motion to approve report made by Plett with support from DePotty. Motion carried.
- 9) Monthly Bills – 4 pages of bills were presented to board members by Plett. All members read through and there was a discussion of Portland Ambulance's late billing. Trustees signed off on report. Motion to pay bills made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty. Motion carried.
- 10) Reports
 - a) Zoning report was read by Wittenbach
 - b) Fire Station report from Green. Orange Township had 8 runs. Cost for a different Brush Truck went up to around \$20,000, \$10,000 for each township.
 - c) Assessor report. Board of Review is complete. It has been decided Benz Aviation is exempt from personal property taxes. Examples of other past similar cases resolved by tribunal had been presented. Motion to have lawyer cease and desist pursuing Benz for back personal property taxes made by DePotty with support from First. Motion carried
Motion to re-new Assessor Contract with Jason Kohagen made by DePotty with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried
- 11) New Business
 - a) Discussion of both Portland and Ionia ambulance service and coverage area. Portland is having open meeting with townships concerned on March 14. Ionia will reschedule theirs due to weather cancellation

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

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b) Reeder Rd Bridge, The structure is sound, just needs new decking. Pohl from ICRC will get with Board by the next Board meeting with more details.

12) Old Business

a) ICRC Contracts;

Motion to accept Brine Contract made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty. Motion carried

Motion to limit gravel cost to \$15,000 made by Wittenbach with support from First. Motion carried

b) New Budget; Motion to adopt Orange Township fiscal Budgets by Department Cost Centers with line items reflecting expenditures in each Cost Center, with totals not to exceed the allocated funds for that Department Budget made by Wittenbach with support from Plett. Motion carried

Motion by Plett to transfer from 191.000 Elections \$160 to 171.00 Supervisor with support from Wittenbach
Motion carried

Motion by Plett to transfer from 191.000 Elections \$176 to 209.702 Assessor with support from Wittenbach
Motion carried

Motion by Plett to transfer from 253.00 Treasurer \$40 to 247.00 Board of Review with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried

13) Public comments – None

14) Motion to adjourn made at 8:45pm made by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Linn Plett

Orange Township Clerk

Approved April 9th 2013