

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING Minutes

265 W David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station
March 11th 2014

Special Public Budget Meeting

- 1) Special meeting was called to order On March 11th at 6:30pm
- 2) Present; Green, Plett, Wittenbach and First. DePotty arrived at 6:50pm
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance by all present at the meeting's Call to Order
- 4) Public Comments; Plett answered questions and went over the different aspects of the new budget with a resident
- 5) Motion to adjourn made at 7pm by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried

Regular Monthly Township Meeting

- 1) The regular Orange Township meeting was called to order March 11th 2014 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: DePotty requested that new Airport information be added to the zoning report and Wittenbach requested that the Assessor be allowed to give his report when he completes his Board of Review meeting paperwork
Motion to approve agenda with changes made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 6) Correspondence and Current Information: Assorted items were presented
- 7) Minutes from February's regular meeting were read by Plett. Motion to approve made by Wittenbach with support from First. Motion carried
Minutes from Special Township Budget Workshop meeting were read by Plett. Motion to approve made by Wittenbach with support from First. Motion carried
- 7 (B) Assessor Kohagen gave the Board of Review report. Reviews are complete and everything is going good
- 8) Treasurer's Report was read by Wittenbach. Motion to approve report made by Plett with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 9) Monthly Bills were presented by Plett. Motion to pay bills made by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 10) Reports
 - a) Zoning report – Updates and information regarding current situation between Sparrow Hospital and the FAA including airspace zoning, permits and appeal requirements were presented by DePotty.
 - b) Fire Station - There were 21 total runs for February with 12 of those for Orange Township

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11) New Business

a) Officer Jack Pieters, Ionia Sheriff Department and Orange Township's liaison, gave an informal quarterly update on calls responded to in our Township

b) Motion to approve Fiscal Year Budget for 2014 – 2015 made by DePotty with support from First Roll Call Vote; DePotty – yea First – Yea Green – Yea Plett – Yes Wittenbach – Yea
Motion carried

c) Motion to accept Auditor's proposal for audit services for fiscal year 2013-14 made by Plett with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried with DePotty abstaining from vote.

d) Information about Portland Ambulance yearly meeting was presented by Plett. Discussion ensued about their contract with Portland area Townships and the resident coverage care contracts. These have to be approved at their meeting on March 17th before we have definite costs to Township.

e) Clerk is requesting a separate internet modem connection for Township and State business. Clerk currently uses her own personal family internet connection. Motion for Clerk to obtain a separate internet connection modem for the Township made by First with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried

f) Motion for approval to print and disperse two warrants, one for Trustees phone/internet bill and one for Trustee newspaper so they come out of the current fiscal budget made by Wittenbach with support from First. Motion carried

12) Old Business

a) David Hwy Bridge. New information about financial costs to Township from the County Road Commission was presented by Green. Discussion ensued about possible ways to cover these costs. Tabled until next Township meeting

13) Public comments - none

14) Motion to adjourn made at 8:30pm by DePotty with support from First. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Linn Plett
Orange Township Clerk

Approved April 8th 2014

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