

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING Minutes

265 W David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station
June 10 2014

- 1) The regular Orange Township meeting for June 10th 2014 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 addition of Judy Clark Ionia County Treasurer made by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried
 - a) Judy Clark spoke on the topic of new BSA program for Treasurer's web page and the benefits of the program. The new program will help ease workload for her office and township assessors and make land description searches easier for county residents. Cost per Townships would be \$500 each township. Motion to pay Orange Township's portion of cost support for the program towards the end of current fiscal year made by Plett with support from First. Motion carried
 - b) Paul Spitzley from the ICRC presented a follow-up discussion on the County-wide Road Millage information presented at last month's township meeting.
- 6) Correspondence and Current Information: Assorted items were presented including Trustee's review of the gravel for township roads. Gravel will be used in areas as recommended by the Road Commission
- 7) Minutes from June's meeting were read by Plett. Motion to approve minutes made by DePotty with support from First. 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 were presented by Plett. Motion to approve bills made by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 10) Reports
 - a) Zoning report. Everyone had read report e-mailed and there was no discussion
 - b) Fire Station had 24 total runs in May with 11 in Orange Township
- 11) New Business
 - a) Letter of a renewal request from AT&T was explained and discussed
- 12) Old Business

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a) Special Assessment; Plett presented a letter of explanation to be mailed to property owners along with the Public Hearing notice so everyone will understand the meaning and the purpose of the Special Assessment for the township emergency services. Motion to approve and mail letter of explanation to Township Property Owners was made by Wittenbach with support from First. Motion carried

b) Discussion of whether the amount on the assessment's Notice of Public Hearing should be from the Township's or the Fire Department's budget. Plett will check into it

c) Notice of Public Hearing will be published in Ionia County Shopper's Guide and the Ionia Sentinel-Standard.

d) Motion to hold the first Public Hearing concerning the Special Assessment District for Fire Services on July 8th at 6pm at the Berlin-Orange Fire Station made by Green with support from First. Motion carried

13) Public comments - none

14) Motion to adjourn made at 8:37 by DePotty with support from First. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Linn Plett
Orange Township Clerk

Approved July 8th 2014

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