

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING Minutes

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

- 1) The regular Orange Township meeting was called to order at 7pm on November 11th 2014
- 2) Present; Green, Plett, Wittenbach, First and DePotty
- 3) Pledge of allegiance by all present
- 4) Public comment – none
- 5) Approval of Agenda motion was made by DePotty with support from First. Motion carried:
- 6) Correspondence and Current Information: assorted items were presented
- 7) October 2014 Minutes were read by Plett. Motion to approve minutes made by First with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried
- 8) Treasurer's Report was read by Wittenbach. Discussion about the Township CD that is held at 5th/3rd Bank. Motion to split current CD with ½ into Featured CD for 44mos and other ½ at 28months if possible with the alternative being move the CD to Mercantile Bank and split CD ½ at 36 months and ½ at 48 months made by DePotty with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 9) Monthly Bills were read by Plett. Motion to approve bills made by DePotty with support from First. Motion carried
- 10) Reports;
 - A) Zoning report;
 - 1) Discussion about landscaping requirements and the portable signage requirements changes the Township Planning Commission is recommending for the Zoning Master Plan updates. Resolution 11-11-14 pertaining to those changes was read and motioned to accept by First with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried
 - 2) Expiring Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeal appointments. The openings will be posted in Fire Station window and appointments will be decided at December's meeting
 - 3) Workman's Compensation Insurance wavier paperwork for the Zoning Administrator discussion. Due to the position of Zoning Administrator being a contracted self-employed vendor position and not an employee position, the Township's insurance company needs this waiver signed and on file stating that the Zoning Administrator has their own insurance. The Administrator refuses to sign the waiver and claims they are considered an employee. The Township Lawyer was contacted by the Township Supervisor about the situation. The Lawyer stated that the Zoning Administrator position is a contracted self-employed position which receives a 1099 year-end tax form and therefore is not an employee nor covered by the Township's workman's compensation insurance. The Township is not liable for any coverage of any sort. This was explained to the Zoning Administrator who was present during the meeting for this discussion.

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B) Fire Station – 16 runs with 3 runs in Orange Township

11) New Business

a) Boerson Farms placing 4 parcels of farmland into PA116 discussion. Motion to approve Boerson's PA116 application made by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried

12) Old Business

a) November Election had 428 voters

13) Public comments - none

14) Motion to adjourn made at 8:04pm by DePotty with support from First. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Linn Plett
Orange Township Clerk

Approved Dec 9th 2014

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