

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING Minutes

265 W David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station
February 10th 2015

- 1) The regular Orange Township Board meeting on February 10th was called to order at 7pm
- 2) Present; Green, Plett, Wittenbach and DePotty. First was absent
- 3) Pledge of allegiance by all present
- 4) Public comment – none
- 5) Approval of Agenda: motion made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 6) Correspondence and Current Information: Assorted items were presented including reminder for the Board of Commissioners meeting February 24th in regards to the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance
- 7) January Minutes were read by Plett. Motion to approve minutes 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
- 9) Monthly Bills were presented by Plett. Motion to approve and pay bills made by DePotty with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried
- 10) Reports
 - a) Zoning report was discussed. Sparrow obtained their variance and Aldis is getting permits around
 - b) Fire Station - there were 32 runs with 9 in Orange Township. Fireman's Banquet was a success
 - c) Assessor will be having an annual state audit
- 11) New Business
 - a) Yearly Contracts from the ICRC for Gradall and Brine roadwork were presented by Plett. Motion to accept Brine contract for \$0.1325 per gallon made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty. Motion carried. Motion to accept Gradall work estimate contract made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty. Motion carried
 - b) Larry Tiejema's offer to perform audit work for the upcoming township yearly audit was discussed. Motion to accept Tiejema's offer of services made by Wittenbach with support from Plett. Motion carried
 - c) The new Webmaster's contract for running the Township Webpage was presented by Plett and discussed. Motion to accept contract made by Plett with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried
 - d) Discussion on an offer from Scholten Fant to develop the new amendments needed for the FOIA changes enacted. This offer was tabled for future discussion and action
 - e) Discussion on the need to implement a pay raise for the Township Election Workers and the Election Chair. They have had the same pay rate of \$8 per hour for all regular workers and \$10 per hour for Chair for at least 15 years. The Clerk would like to increase pay to \$10 per hour for all workers and \$12 per hour for Chair. This increase would bring their pay closer to the low end of average pay for election workers in the state.

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f) Portland yearly Ambulance Report was discussed. Everything is going well with them and no cost increases for this coming year.

12) Old Business - none

13) Public comments- Discussion about the Cemetery and township property clean-up that is needed. Mowing bid requests for the upcoming season will be posted in the papers towards the end of February and beginning of March

14) Motion to adjourn made at 8:22 by DePotty with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Linn Plett
Orange Township Clerk

Approved March 10th 2015

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