

ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING Minutes

265 W David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station
March 15th 2016

- 1) The Regular Orange Township meeting 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 made by Wittenbach with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 6) Correspondence and Current Information: assorted items were presented
- 7) Minutes from the February 2016 Board meeting were read by Plett. Motion to approve minutes made by DePotty with support from First. Motion carried
Minutes from the Special Budget Workshop Meeting held on February 16th 2016 were read by Plett. Motion to approve minutes made by First with support from DePotty. Motion carried
- 8) Treasurer's Report was read by Wittenbach. Motion to approve report made by Plett with support from First. 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 – The ZA attended a special MTA meeting and found it very informative
 - b) Fire Station – 27 runs total with 6 for Orange Township. A few radios have been updated to match 911 dispatch frequencies
 - c) No Assessor report
- 11) New Business –
 - a) The Clerk reported that there were 284 voters at the March 8th election for a 36% turnout
 - b) Motion to approve the New 2016-17 Budget was made by DePotty with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried
- 12) Old Business – At the request of Board Members Green, First and DePotty, a meeting was held with ICRC Engineer Paul Spitzley at the ICRC. Dorothy Pohl was not present at the meeting. The topic of the meeting was the David Hwy Bridge and the purpose was to gather any available information as to who the contractors are and what the actual cost bids were for the replacement of the David Hwy Bridge. The Township Board desired to understand what caused the costs to increase and why the Board was never presented any proper documentation as to why the increase, which led to the Township Board being presented with an amended contract asking for more township money towards the bridge cost. After their discussion with Mr. Spitzley, it was learned that the work to replace the David Hwy Bridge has never even been put up for any contractor bids. The first contract presented to the township board was an

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

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approximate comparison cost of the replacement bridge work done on Riverside Dr. The costs in the second amended contract were not authentic; it was simply wanting more money from the Township towards replacing the David Hwy Bridge. Requests for actual bids are now out to contractors. Mr. Spitzley is in hopes of being present at the Board meeting in April with bids for replacing David Hwy Bridge. Motion to table any monetary offers to the ICRC until actual costs and bids are in made by Green with support from DePotty. Motion carried

13) Public comments - none

14) Motion to adjourn made at 7:45 by DePotty with support from First Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Linn Plett
Orange Township Clerk

Approved April 12th 2016