

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
265 West David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station

Approved

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON NOVEMBER 5, 2008 AT 7:04 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Weisgerber, Bowerman, Nash, First & Ferris
Others: Attorney Ron Bultje and Ionia City Manager Jason Eppler
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The name under 12f should read Jerry Dennis. *Motion to approve the agenda with above changes made by Nash, support from First. Motion Carried*
6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Auditor Larry Tiejema is willing to hold at no cost to the township. Information on Tri-County public hearing given.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – WATER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (11A):** Attorney Bultje went over the final changes on the water franchise agreement and answered questions. Eppler offered additional information. *Motion to authorize the township supervisor and township clerk to execute the Intergovernmental Water Service Agreement with the City of Ionia made by Nash with support from First. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.*
8. **NEW BUSINESS – LAND DIVISION:** (12f) Greg Bennett and Jerry Dennis addressed the board with a request for a land split with easement where the road frontage ratio is less then required. *Motion for the township board to authorize the township assessor to issue a split of parcel # 34-110035-000-045-00 between Bennett and Dennis made by Weisgerber with support from Nash. Motion Carried.*
9. **MINUTES:**
Bowerman read the minutes of the October regular board meeting. Nash asked that the roll call vote for the Traffic Control Signal Resolution be in the minutes also “ Weisgerber aye, Bowerman aye, Ferris aye, First nay, Nash aye” *Motion to accept the minutes with the above corrections made by Nash with support from First. Motion Carried.*
Motion made by First to attempt to use the services of a local auditor in the future with support from Weisgerber. Motion Carried.
10. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Ferris read the treasurer’s report. Ferris commented on the low balance in the checking account. *Motion to approve the financial reports made by Weisgerber with support from Bowerman. Motion Carried.*
11. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills. *Motion to pay the bills made by First with support form Nash. Motion carried.*
12. **REPORTS:**

Supervisor – William Weisgerber ♦ Clerk – Vicki Bowerman ♦ Treasurer – Amanda Ferris
Trustee – Dan First ♦ Trustee – Don Nash

- a. Zoning administrator report: Vandersloot read the zoning report. She also reported on the meeting that was held with Montgomery regarding frontage road, Alice Springs and Sign. She also reported that there will be openings on the Planning Commission and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals. Applications were for both boards distributed.
- b. Berlin Orange Fire Department – Weisgerber presented drawings of the proposed addition.
- c. Elections – Bowerman reported that the elections went well and that the election workers did an excellent job.
- d. M-DOT meeting: Weisgerber reported on the meeting.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (continued)

- a. Proposed Derelict Building Ordinance – Ferris passed out sample ordinances and pictures. Subject discussed, no action taken.
- b. Newsletter – will be in the tax notices.

14. NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

- a. Budget Amendments – Bowerman made following motions:
I propose that we take 183.16 from Elections - Misc. and add that 183.16 to Elections Office Supplies with support from Nash. Motion Carried.
I propose that we take 402.60 from Roads - Brine and add 402.60 to Roads – Gravel with support from Weisgerber. Motion Carried.
- b. Workshops for new township officers – Weisgerber made a motion that the \$89 registration that the board reimburse Wittenbach for the treasurers training with support from First. Motion Carried.
Nash made a motion that the township pay for Depotty to attend training provided by MTA with support from Weisgerber. Motion carried.
Weisgerber made a motion that the township pay for the registration cost plus mileage for any board member who would like to attend the MTA conference with support form Nash. Motion Carried.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

16. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 17. ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Weisgerber with support from Nash. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
VICKI BOWERMAN
ORANGE TOWNSHIP CLERK

APPROVED: 12-9-08

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