

**ORANGE TOWNSHIP**  
**265 West David Hwy**  
**Berlin Orange Fire Station**

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON DECEMBER 9, 2008 AT 7:00 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Depotty, Bowerman, Green, First & Wittenbach
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion to approve the agenda made by Green, with support from Wittenbach. Motion Carried*
6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Depotty present several pieces of information.
7. **MINUTES:**  
Bowerman read the minutes of the November regular board meeting. First made a comment on the cost of a traffic light at the corner of M-66 and David. *Motion to accept the minutes made by Green with support from Wittenbach. Motion Carried.*
8. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Wittenbach read the treasurer's report. First complemented treasure on presentation for her first meeting. *Motion to approve the financial reports made by First with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
9. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills. *Motion to pay the bills made by Green with support form First. Motion carried.*
10. **REPORTS:**
  - a. Berlin Orange Fire Department – Depotty reported that cell tower income would be approximately \$1000.00 **per month plus 3% annual inflation increase**; the fire department has hired a new firefighter, and there have not been any bids for the cost the addition.
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a. Dust Control Ordinance – Depotty recommended that the issue return to the Planning Commission before the board taking action.
  - b. Proposed Derelict Building Ordinance – Depotty recommended that the issue return to the Planning Commission before the board taking action.
12. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. Preauthorization for tax billing notices – *Motion to preauthorize the clerk and treasurer to cut a check a check for the cost of postage to disburse tax notices made by Depotty with support form Green. Motion carried.*
  - b. Gradall Agreement with Ionia County Road Commission – Tabled
  - c. Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals appointments – Names of applicants read.

Supervisor – Wayne Depotty ♦ Clerk – Vicki Bowerman ♦ Treasurer – Karla Wittenbach  
Trustee – Dan First ♦ Trustee – Tom Green

- i. *Depotty nominated Don Nash to the Planning Commission with support from Green. First – No, Wittenbach – No, Depotty – Yes, Bowerman – No, Green – Yes. Motion Failed.*
  - ii. *Depotty nominated Tom Green to the Planning Commission with support from Bowerman. First – Yes, Wittenbach – Yes, Depotty – Yes, Bowerman – Yes, Green – Yes. Motion Carried.*
  - iii. *Depotty nominated William Thomas to the Planning Commission with support from Wittenbach. First – Yes, Wittenbach – Yes, Depotty – Yes, Bowerman – No, Green – Yes. Motion Carried.*
  - iv. *Depotty nominated Duane Nash to the Planning Commission with support from Bowerman. First – Yes, Wittenbach – Yes, Depotty – Yes, Bowerman – Yes, Green – Yes. Motion Carried.*
  - v. *Depotty nominated Brian Stuart to the Planning Commission with support from First. First – Yes, Wittenbach – Yes, Depotty – Yes, Bowerman – Yes, Green – No. Motion Carried.*
- d. Zoning Board of Appeals –
  - i. *Depotty nominated David Fitzpatrick to the ZBA with support from Green. First – Yes, Wittenbach – Yes, Depotty – Yes, Bowerman – Yes, Green – Yes. Motion Carried.*
  - ii. *Depotty nominated Dan Reeder to the ZBA with support from Green. First – Yes, Wittenbach – Yes, Depotty – Yes, Bowerman – Yes, Green – Yes. Motion Carried.*
- e. 2009 Meeting Dates – *Depotty made a motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the fire barn as the meeting date for the Orange Township board with support from First. Motion Carried.*

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public questioned if the City of Ionia had been invoiced for reimbursement of attorney fees regarding the Water Franchise agreement.

14. **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Green with support from First. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**  
**VICKI BOWERMAN**  
**ORANGE TOWNSHIP CLERK**

**APPROVED: January 13, 2009**

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