

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
265 West David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON JANUARY 13, 2009 AT 7:05 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Depotty, Bowerman, Green, First & Wittenbach
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *No agenda*
6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Depotty present regarding consumers energy, T-Mobile lease and sewer plant report.
7. **MINUTES:**
Bowerman read the minutes of the December regular board meeting. Depotty ask that the cell tower information also state per month plus a 3% annual inflation increase. *Motion to approve the minutes with the above changes made by First with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
8. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Wittenbach read the treasurer's report. Bowerman noted that the clerk and treasurers general fund checking account now balance with each other. Depotty questioned some accounting practices. First indicated that it appears the board will be able to track the township monies better. First also questioned the need for high speed internet as apposed to retirement funds. *Motion to approve the financial reports made by Bowerman with support from First. Motion Carried.*
9. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills. *Motion to pay the bills made by Green with support form Wittenbach. Motion carried.*
10. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Berlin Orange Fire Department – Fire Chief Bennett passed out year end report and answered questions regarding some of the calls made on I -96. He also reported on the progress of the addition stating that based on the proposals they would like to hire Overbeck Construction.
 - b. Zoning – Bowerman read the zoning report.
 - c. Township Association Meeting - Depotty gave a report on the meeting.
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Gradall Agreement – Table until board is better able to look at road conditions.
12. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Authorized Bank Account Signatures –*Motion that Karla Wittenbach, treasurer and Vicki Bowerman, clerk are to be the authorized signers for all Orange Township bank accounts at both First and 5/3rd banks made by Depotty with support from First. Motion carried.*

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- b. Tax Account – Wittenbach stated that she would like to have the tax account audited. *Motion to retain Larry Tiejema to audit the tax account made by Bowerman with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
- c. Ionia County Economic Alliance – Diane Smith from ICEA gave a report and also passed out written material to the board.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

14. **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Fire Barn Addition
- b. Public Safety and Emergency Response cost recovery ordinance.
- c. Dust Control Ordinance
- d. Derelict Building Ordinance
- e. Gradall Agreement
- f. Budget
- g. Investment Policy

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by First with support from Green. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
VICKI BOWERMAN
ORANGE TOWNSHIP CLERK

APPROVED: February 10, 2009

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