

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
265 West David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON MARCH 10, 2009 AT 7:07 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Depotty, Bowerman, Green, First & Wittenbach
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Bowerman asked that lawn mowing contract and 5/3rd bank account be added under New Business. DePotty asked that the sewage treatment plant also be added under New Business. : *Motion to approve the agenda with above additions made by Wittenbach, with support from Green. Motion Carried*
6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Economic Alliance will send electronic reports if board members request. First indicated that the budgets meetings should be scheduled soon. DePotty provided some misc. information.
7. **MINUTES:**
Bowerman read the minutes of the January regular board meeting. DePotty indicated that he would like the response to the public comment regarding rumble strips on David and Kelsey state that it was a report that he received from the Ionia County Road Commission. Green indicated that he would like the minutes to state clearer that the issue regarding Ferris and township property be dropped as a part of discussion during the treasurer's report. . *The Motion to approve the minutes with above changes made by DePotty with support from First. Motion Carried.*
8. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Wittenbach read the treasurer's report. *Motion to approve the financial reports made by Green with support from First. Motion Carried.*
9. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills and highlighted the final payment for the fire truck has been included in the bills. First indicated that the motion to pay the bills will include the fire truck and there will not be a need for an addition motion regarding this. *Motion to pay the bills made by First with support form Wittenbach. Motion carried.*
10. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Berlin Orange Fire Department – The expansion of the fire barn will be carried over to the next meeting. Nothing new to report regarding the cell tower. Fire board treasurer will be sending and invoice regarding Orange Township's share of expenses. Yearly expenses expected to be between \$55,000 and \$60,000.
 - b. Zoning – Bowerman read the zoning report.
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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- a. Water Service Agreement – Bowerman reported that the agreement has been signed and Eppler will be filing the necessary paperwork.
- b. Lawn Care Bids -Bowerman indicated at this time there has been 1 bid submitted.
- c. Budget – Work moving forward.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. QuickBooks -Bowerman indicated that there is a cliché in the payroll part of QuickBooks. *Motion made by Wittenbach to hire Larry Tiejema to correct this issue with support from Green. Motion Carried*
- b. Election – Karla will follow up with the church to insure that it will be available for the township to rent for elections during the upcoming fiscal year. First suggested that perhaps a motion should be made regarding the issue.
- c. Fire Truck Payment - discussed earlier.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Citizen voiced concern over the amount of unlicensed cars being kept on the property adjacent to him. Green will speak with owner of property.
- b. Citizen questioned why the audit did not include the tax account.
- c. Citizen asked if the township had received any information regarding windmills.
- d. Green asked to address the board regarding a citizen who had come to him very upset. Green indicated that he was unhappy at the way this event had occurred and would like to reiterate that the board needs to work as a team to prevent occurrences such as these happening again.

14. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Fire Barn Addition
- b. Lawn Care
- c. Budget

15. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Green with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
VICKI BOWERMAN
ORANGE TOWNSHIP CLERK

APPROVED: _____ **Draft** _____

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