

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
265 West David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD** WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON **APRIL 14, 2009** AT **7:03 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Depotty, Bowerman, Green, First & Wittenbach
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Audit agreement will be added to New Business: *Motion to approve the agenda with above addition made by Green, with support from First. Motion Carried*
6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** DePotty received an email from Ms Benedict regarding Matthew Cemetery asking for information regarding that cemetery. DePotty received information regarding Alice Springs. DePotty presented information regarding stimulus money. First presented information regarding grants and suggested the possibility of a new township hall.
7. **MINUTES:**
Bowerman read the minutes of the March regular board meeting, the minutes of the special meeting on March 24 and the public hearing minutes of March 31st. First indicated that his name needs to be removed as being present from the public hearing meeting. *The Motion to approve the minutes with above changes made by DePotty with support from Wittenbach. Motion Carried.*
8. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Wittenbach read the treasurer's report. *Motion to approve the financial reports made by Bowerman with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
9. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills. *Motion to pay the bills made by First with support form Green. Motion carried.*
10. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Zoning – Wittenbach read the zoning report.
 - b. Berlin Orange Fire Department:
 - i. Insurance: DePotty stated that the fire chief received an insurance quote that will save them about \$5200.00 a year. *Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to switch insurance carrier made by Bowerman with support from DePotty. Discussion – Citizen asked about the amount that will be covered regarding equipment. Motion Carried.*
 - ii. Fire Barn Expansion: *Motion to authorize DePotty to sign the construction contract made by First with support from Bowerman. Motion Carried.*
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Lawn Care Bids – The board discussed the three bids were received from S & S Lawn Care, Dave Scheurer, and Zach Edgar. *Motion to offer S & S Lawn Care a 1 year contract made by*

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First with support from Wittenbach. Motion Carried. S & S will be asked to provide insurance information.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ionia County Gravel Agreement - Tabled
- b. Election – *Motion to continue with rental amount of \$200.00 for LeValley United Methodist Church made by First with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
- c. Auditor – Bowerman presented bid from Larry Tiejema C.P.A. to perform audit services for the year ending March 31, 2009. *Motion to retain Mr. Tiejema for FY 2008/2009 audited service made by Bowerman with support from First who would like it to be amended to add “assistance with QuickBooks”. Motion Carried.*

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Citizen thanked First for his interest in a new township hall.
- b. Citizen questioned the tax account.
- c. Citizen talked about the bridges in the township.
- d. DePotty made a formal apology to Amada Ferris and the Board Members regarding some township property.

14. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Gravel Agreement
- b. Grant Opportunities
- c. Fire Barn addition

15. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by DePotty with support from Green. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

VICKI BOWERMAN

ORANGE TOWNSHIP CLERK

APPROVED: May 12, 2009

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