

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
265 West David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON MAY 12, 2009 AT 7:03 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Depotty, Bowerman, First, Green & Wittenbach
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Green, with support from Wittenbach. Motion Carried*
6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Todd Jaranowski from Ionia County Heath Dept. introduced himself and provided information to the board members. Bowerman presented MTA conference information and the annual report from the Ionia County Road Commission.
7. **MINUTES:**
Bowerman read the minutes of the April regular board meeting. *Motion to approve the minutes made by DePotty with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
8. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Wittenbach read the treasurer's report. *Motion to approve the financial reports made by First with support from Bowerman. Motion Carried.*
9. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills. First asked for the total on the general fund and what the C & W tools bill was for. He also asked for clarification on whether each bill should be initialed. DePotty asked about how bill were filed. *Motion to pay the bills made by Green with support form Wittenbach. Motion carried.*
10. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Zoning – Jeanne Vandersloot read the zoning report, indicating that the next planning commission meeting will be July 21st.
 - b. Berlin Orange Fire Department: Fire Barn Expansion – DePotty reports the process of getting permits has begun.
 - c. Cell Phone Tower – Nothing new to report.
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Ionia County Road Commission - Gravel agreement – Green reports that 40 Acre Town Road and Gregory Road near Klotts are the areas that are in need of gravel. It was also reported that the culvert on Grand River Trail is in need of replacement and the cost to the township will be approximately \$5000.00. Also, the Road Commission is planning on doing some brush cutting, however a timeline nor cost is not known at this time. DePotty will ask the Road Commission to attend the next meeting. DePotty also read an excerpt from MTA regarding

- road maintenance and township responsibility. The agreement will be tabled until the next meeting.
- b. Lawn Care Bids – S & S Turf Care accepted the terms of a 1 year contract.
 - c. Auditor – Tiejema is looking at June or July to do the audit.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Park and Ride Carpool lot – A carpool lot at on the south east corner of M-66 and Grand River Ave. was discussed with some concerns voiced by board members. The issue will be turned over to the Planning Commission. Jeanne Vandersloot did answer some questions regarding the set back.
- b. Portland Ambulance contract – The contract was provided to board members. No action will be taken until members have opportunity to look the contract over.
- c. Grants – Bowerman reported on her findings so far regarding availability of grant money through the USDA and that Orange Township's median household income of \$50,217 exceeds their guideline of less than \$41,000. She will continue to seek grant opportunities.
- d. Revenue Sharing – Bowerman provided information regarding the cut in revenue sharing dollars.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (Cont.)

- a. Matthew's Cemetery - Depotty questioned how he should reply to Ms Benedict's request for information. *Motion made by Wittenbach to allow Ms Benedict to volunteer her time in cleaning up the cemetery with support from Green. Motion Carried.* Bowerman will be her contact person.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Wittenbach brought forth a concern from citizen regarding the tire pile on Randy Merrins property on David Hwy. DePotty will contact Randy Merrin regarding this issue.
- b. Citizen questioned the tax account and asked Mr. Tiejema to be asked "Why an audit was not done on the tax account during the previous audit". Bowerman will email Mr. Tiejema this question.

15. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Gravel Agreement
- b. Grant Opportunities
- c. Fire Barn addition
- d. Portland Ambulance agreement

- 16. ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Green with support from First. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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

APPROVED: June 9, 2009

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