

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
265 West David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD** WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON **JULY 14, 2009** AT **7:04 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Depotty, Bowerman, First, Green & Wittenbach
4. **NEW BUSINESS:** Assessor (moved to beginning of meeting for presentation) Ann Thompson 616-642-6291 presented to the board information regarding her ability to provide assessor services to the township. She did not give a per parcel rate however estimated that it would be in the \$10.50 to \$11.00 range.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Green, with support from Wittenbach. Motion Carried*
7. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Reply letter from Bud Montgomery's lawyer made available for board to read. Information from MTA regarding the Open Meetings Act passed out.
8. **MINUTES:**
Bowerman read the minutes of the June regular board meeting. *Motion to approve the minutes made by Wittenbach with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
9. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Wittenbach read the treasurer's report. DePotty asked about investment of general fund money. *Motion to approve the financial reports made by Bowerman with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
10. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills. *Motion to pay the bills made by Green with support form Wittenbach. Motion carried.*
11. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Zoning – Bowerman read the zoning report.
 - b. Berlin Orange Fire Department: Fire Barn Expansion – Expansion in progress.
 - c. Cell Phone Tower – Nothing new to report.
12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Fire Protection Check – Information is requested on whether the money is put toward the Orange Township share. DePotty will contact Marilyn Palmer.
 - b. Lawn Care – Green reported that S & S Lawn Care has mowed the entire area of the cemetery on Sunfield Hwy.
 - c. Randy Merren – He has put the tires out of sight from the road.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Assessor – (continued) Bowerman discussed the need for information to be discussed by the board and decisions need to be made as a board. The assessors' position was discussed. Also discussed the need to amend the budget next month to cover the additional cost of the assessors' contract. *Motion to continue Dan Bengal's contract and give authority to supervisor to sign the contract once received from Bengal made by Bowerman. Motion to amend the motion to also include the supervisor to negotiate the price not to exceed \$10.50 per parcel made by First. Support on the amendment made by Wittenbach. Support for motion as amended made by Wittenbach. Motion as amended Carried.*
- b. Mutual Aid Compact - Tabled.
- c. Internet Access – Discussion of the need for high speed internet service for the clerk and treasurer. Bowerman will check into pricing options for next month.
- d. Township Land – First questioned whether the township land needs to be used in order for the township to retain ownership. The Registrar of Deeds will be contacted.
- e. Office Equipment – Wittenbach discussed benefits of having laser printers. *Motion to purchase on multi-use laser printer for the treasurer and one plain laser printer for the clerk made by Green with support from First. Motion Carried.*
- f. Yearly Audit – Larry Tiejema CPA conducted the interview as the beginning of the audit process.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by First with support from Green. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

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

APPROVED: August 11, 2009

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