

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
265 West David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON SEPTEMBER 8, 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:** DePotty ask to add Dan Reeder to New Business and Public Safety and Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance to Unfinished Business. *Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by DePotty, with support from Wittenbach. Motion Carried*
6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** Wittenbach read letter regarding Nash Farm. First asked about deputy treasurer. DePotty presented information regarding MDOT and new construction.
7. **MINUTES:**
Bowerman read the minutes of the August regular board meeting. *Motion to approve the minutes made by Wittenbach with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
8. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Wittenbach read the treasurer's report. Wittenbach also informed board that the 5/3rd CD will mature in November. *Motion to approve the financial reports made by Bowerman with support from Green. Motion Carried.*
9. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills. First had question regarding phone bill. *Motion to pay the bills made by Green with support form First. Motion carried.*
10. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Zoning – Bowerman read the zoning report.
 - b. Berlin Orange Fire Department: Fire Barn Expansion – Wittenbach presented information regarding the cost of some construction changes and an addition to the parking lot. The parking lot would exceed the \$120,000 budget. *Motion to table this issue made by Green with support from First. Motion Carried.* The promissory note for \$40,000 payable to Berlin Township in 1(one) year at a 3% interest rate was signed.
 - c. Cell Phone Tower – Nothing new to report.
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Mutual Aid Compact/Public Safety and Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance – The mutual aid compact was signed and the cost recovery ordinance was distributed for board members to read for next meeting.
 - b. Audit – Progressing smoothly.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Letter from County Treasurer Nancy Hickey – Wittenbach presented to the board a letter regarding special assessments and any changes that may need to be made. No changes were made.
- b. Citizen Concern – Bowerman indicated that she had received a call regarding the disarray of a house on Grand River east of Christensen's. Board discussed issue.
- c. Strategic Planning – Board discussed preliminary budget concerns and possible options.
- d. Dan Reeder – DePotty informed board of Dan Reeder's attempt to have the speed limit on gravel roads lowered from 55 to 45. The board members voiced support for his movement.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

14. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Green with support from Wittenbach. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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

APPROVED: Draft

Future Agenda Items:

- **Strategic Planning**
- **5/3rd CD**
- **Gravel road speed decrease movement**

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