

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
2904 East Peck Lake Road
Ionia, Michigan 48846

1. REGULAR MEETING OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 P.M. ON TUESDAY, November 13, 2007.

PRESENT: Weisgerber, Bowerman, First, Ferris & Nash.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bowerman requested that the motion from last month regarding the advertisement of special topics be added to the agenda for the purpose of clarification.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Bowerman moved to approve with support from Nash, carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:

- Bowerman indicated that a request for minutes had been received from Clifford Lazarus under the freedom of information act.
- Weisgerber reported that the School of Aviation is beginning to bring in equipment.
- Weisgerber was informed that Menards would be opening in February.
- Alice Springs is planning to have 3 different food shops and a swimming pool along the new road named Alice Court.

6. MINUTES- Bowerman read the Minutes from October 2007 and also the minutes of the workgroup meeting held on November 11, 2007. Additions to the November 11, 2007 meeting should include: Nash is storing the long copper table and gavel. The showcase will keep the township artifacts. The 12 x 10 voting teaching aid will be offered to the Historical Society. First moved to approve the minutes including the above additions with support from Nash, motion carried.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT- Ferris read the treasures report. First moved to approve with support from Bowerman, motion carried.

A recommendation was made that both the treasure and clerk contact someone for technical training on Quick Books. Treasure and Clerk agreed to move on this.

8. MONTHLY BILLS- Bowerman read the bills. Nash moved to approve the bills with support from Weisgerber, motion carried.

9. REPORTS:

- ▶ John Bush in attendance to report on the Sewer Plant, future ownership and answer questions. At the current time the county owns the plant and the City of Ionia manages it. In 2010 the Bonds will be paid off and ownership will change. The beginning of a formal agreement is in the works that

will define such items as how the plant will be owned and who is in charge. The law firm would like to meet with each township separately to gain input. This process will not begin until after the first of the year.

- ▶ FY08 Budget Process: Ferris addressed her concerns over expenditures exceeding income. She would like board members to look and see where they may think cost can be cut. Weisgerber indicated that he will take her concerns and any suggestions into account while working through the budget process for the next fiscal year.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ❖ Medical Facility Location – nothing new to report on.
- ❖ Clarification of what is special topic – The definition should be defined as a topic or subject that is out of the realm of what is normally in an ordinary meeting. This may include special topics that may be of interest to a larger portion of the public or important speakers.
- ❖ MTA conference – Because of differing reasons no board members will be able to attend.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Drain Assessment for Gibbs/Matthew/Carbaugh – The tax rolls will be verified by the treasurer.
- McCoy Drain – There will be a cost for the township. Motion to accept the written resolution between the Drain Commissioner and Orange Township for the repair and maintenance of the McCoy drain made by Nash with support from First, motion carried. Public hearing regarding the matter will be posted in the Review & Observer and the Shoppers guide.
- Hazardous Materials Spill Cost Recovery Ordinance - This would allow the township to charge the party causing the spill for cost of clean up. Ferris made motion to accept the ordinance as written with support from First. Discussion: because it is an ordinance it must be advertise to the public.
 - First – Yes Ferris – Yes
 - Weisgerber – Yes Bowerman – Yes
 - Nash – Yes
- Motion Carried.
- Berlin Orange Emergency Service Contract – operational cost will be split according to the agreement. The contract will begin in April of 08 and will be a 10 year agreement.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- ✓ If the formal PA 425 is received in time to give board members the opportunity to study it, it will then be place on next months agenda for discussion.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Nash moved to approve with support from Ferris at 9:11 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**VICKI BOWERMAN
ORANGE TOWNSHIP CLERK**

APPROVED: _____

