

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
265 West David Hwy
Berlin Orange Fire Station
March 11, 2008

1. **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON MARCH 11, 2008 AT 7:07 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENT: Board Members:** Weisgerber, Bowerman, First, Ferris & Nash.
Others: Attorney Ron Bultje.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Road Commission will be added as 10e. *Motion to approve the agenda with above changes made by Bowerman, support from Nash. Motion Carried.*
6. **NEGOTIATION OF THE PROPOSED PA 425 AGREEMENT:** Mr. Bultje discussed the conference call that he had with the City of Ionia's manager and attorney regarding the continuation of negotiations between the City and Orange Township and outlined the issues in the agreement that the City would not agree to. Board members accepted the changes that the city has proposed and requested that Mr. Bultje revise the draft. Once revisions are made Mr. Bultje will email it to the board members and if no further revisions are requested re-submit it to the City of Ionia. *Nash made motion that would direct the attorney to prepare a resolution present the PA 425 agreement for a vote of the people.* Discussion: First indicated that he feels we are elected to represent the people and that there is not enough time for a vote. Bowerman indicated that a vote would jeopardize the development. *Support from Ferris.* Role call vote: *Nash – Yes; Bowerman – No; Weisgerber – No; Ferris – Yes; First – No. Motion failed by vote of 2- yes and 3 – no.*
7. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:** None
8. **MINUTES:** Bowerman read the minutes from the regular meeting (2-11-08). Correction: zoning board should read: ZBA (zoning board of appeals) *Motion to accept the minutes with corrections made by Nash with support from First. Motion Carried.* Bowerman read the minutes from the special meeting (2-27-08). *Motion to accept the minutes made by First with support from Nash Motion Carried.*
9. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Ferris read the treasurer's report for both January and February. *Motion to accept the financial report made by Bowerman with support from First. Motion Carried.*
10. **MONTHLY BILLS:** Bowerman read the bills. *Motion to pay the bills as present made by Nash with support form Weisgerber. Motion carried.*
11. **REPORTS:**
 - a. Zoning administrator report: Read by Bowerman. Weisgerber discussed the review of the zoning resolution and the suggested increase of some permits and changes in some of the wording as submitted by zoning administrator Jeanne Vandersloot. This issue will be carried over until next month.

- b. Berlin Orange Fire Dept. report: Weisgerber reports that this was a busy month with most of the runs being medical in nature. There continues to be a shortage of man power.
- c. Board of Review: Kevin Cody reported a slow two days with just a few people coming in.
- d. FY 08/09: Supervisor continues to work on the next budget.

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Weisgerber has emailed dates for board members to hold open. A special meeting for the PA 425 will be scheduled in the near future.

13. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Budget Amendments: *Bowerman made the following motions:*
 - i. That \$198.14 be taken from 215.728 clerk postage and added to 215.727 clerk office supplies. *Support from Weisgerber. Motion Carried*
 - ii. That \$113.43 be taken from 215.862 clerk seminars and added to 215.822 clerk's phone. *Support from Nash. Motion Carried*
 - iii. That \$38.26 be taken from 171.860 supervisor travel and added to 171.822 supervisor's telephone. *Support from First. Motion Carried*
 - iv. That \$31.87 is taken from 253.862 treasurer seminars and that \$21.87 be added to 253.822 treasurer phone and \$10.00 be added to 253.729 treasurer software support. *Support from Weisgerber. Motion Carried*
 - v. That \$1410.00 be taken from 265.823 Bldg & Gr. improvements and added to 265.822 Bldg & Gr. Expenses. *Support from Nash. Motion Carried*
 - vi. That \$195.02 be taken from 890.999 Contingencies and \$29.84 be added to 336.984 Interest to Berlin Twp. And \$165.18 is added to 411.706 zoning administration expenses. *Support from First. Motion Carried*
 - vii. That \$196.88 be taken from 102.862 Trustee seminars and added to 102.807 Dues & memberships. *Support from Weisgerber. Motion Carried*
- b. Suggestion made that the board prepare recognition for Josh First for his outstanding farmer award and present it to him at a future meeting. Board agreed.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- a. Resident stated that they had received a delinquent tax notice in error and that it was difficult for the problem to be rectified.
- b. Another resident indicated similar problem and they had to go to the county treasurer and prove the taxes had been paid.
- c. Resident voiced that the hospital would be an asset to the township/county in their opinion.
- d. Resident voiced concern over publication of special meeting notices.
- e. Resident indicated that he had originally signed a letter of protest for the proposed PA 425 and would like the record to show that he is now in favor of it.
- f. Resident voice concern over the lack of a traffic light at the corner of David and M-66.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ferris with support from First. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
VICKI BOWERMAN
ORANGE TOWNSHIP CLERK

APPROVED: _____

Supervisor – William Weisgerber ✦ Clerk – Vicki Bowerman ✦ Treasurer – Amanda Ferris
Trustee – Dan First ✦ Trustee – Don Nash