

Portland Township
Ionia County
P.O. Box 314
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The July meeting of the board was held on July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Portland Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All board members were present, except Clerk Keilen.

Trustee Pung motioned to accept the June 2008 minutes, seconded by Supervisor Lakin and carried.

Treasurer Simon reported 1 fire run for June. The ambulance report for June had not been received yet from the City of Portland. General account balance was noted. Per Act 213 of 2007, the Treasurer's quarterly report was distributed.

Dorothy Pohl of the Ionia County Road Commission was in attendance, along with two county commissioners and two county employees. An informative video on the road Commission was presented. Discussion was held on township needs and the county road situation. In addition, Wayne Schoonover, County Highway Engineer, presented an explanation on Ionia County road ratings. To help maintain and improve our roads, residents can help improve funding by talking to and contacting our legislators.

Suzanne Hoseth Kreeger addressed the board She is running for Circuit Court Judge, in the position currently held by Judge Miel, who is retiring.

Keith Cook a PAMA member, discussed the cost of audit expenses for PAMA, after review of the audit, Supervisor Lakin will contact the township attorney regarding our options.

Supervisor Lakin read his monthly report.

The Zoning Administrator read her monthly report. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a meeting on July 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Portland Township Hall on a proposal to split property at Divine Highway/Maple Road. The Zoning Administrator's new contract was also signed.

Trustee Platte motioned to accept a request by Schrauben Management to update their liquor license at 4901 Divine Highway, as long as it is within state rules and regulations. Seconded by Trustee Pung. A roll call was taken, 3 yes, 1 no, 1 absent, carried.

The board has tabled the chip/seal request for Still Meadows Subdivision until the August meeting.

Treasurer Simon presented the new Investment Policy for Portland Township with changes to Paragraph 2; lines A-F, amended as requested. Trustee Platte motioned to accept the new Investment Policy, seconded by Trustee Pung. A roll call was taken, 4 yes, 1 absent, carried.

Supervisor Lakin motioned to appoint Maureen Wallace to a 4 year term to the Library Board, replacing Pastor Ed. Filter. Seconded by Trustee Pung and carried. The Township thanks Pastor Filter for his years of service.

Trustee Pung motioned to pay the bills as presented, Trustee Platte seconded and carried.

Supervisor Lakin motioned to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. seconded by Trustee Platte and carried.

The next meeting of the board will be August 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Portland Township Hall.

Leanne Simon
Portland Township Treasurer