

Portland Township
Ionia County, MI
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The June meeting of the board was held on June 10, 2009 at the Portland Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

All board members were present.

Trustee Platte motioned to approve and add to the May 2009 minutes to note Assessor Thompson achieved the Level II certification for Assessor's seconded by Trustee Pung and carried.

Treasurer Simon noted there were no fire runs and six ambulance runs for May. She also has completed the Township's first newsletter, which will be sent with the Summer Tax notices. Larry Tiejama would like to speak to the board concerning the Auditor position.

Assessor Thompson covered her report for the month. The July Board of Review will be held sometime the end of July.

Supervisor Tiemann noted the City gave the Arts Council a lifetime lease on the buildings at the city dam. He noted the buildings should not be used for lessons for anyone's personal gain. Also, the Road Commission has placed a culvert on Marsalle Road and no other action has taken place since the meeting with them on May 21st.

Zoning Administrator Vandersloot covered her monthly report. She reviewed the updates with the Township website.

The contracts for the Assessor and Zoning Administrator will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

A letter from the Cottonwood Creek Association was reviewed and noted to be forwarded to the Ionia County Road Commission for a request concerning changes to the speed limit in this area.

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to double the brine application on the Township roads where needed at the discretion of the Ionia County Road Commission seconded by Trustee Plate and carried.

Trustee Platte motioned to note the Township will not participate in the City's recycle program at this time seconded by Supervisor Tiemann and carried.

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to approve the Portland Township appointment policy. A roll call vote was taken 4-yes, 1-no, motioned passed.

The poverty income guidelines have been tabled to the next board meeting.

Treasurer Simon motioned to pay the bills as presented by Clerk Keilen seconded by Trustee Pung and carried.

Trustee Platte motioned to have the board go into a closed session to discuss a written confidential legal opinion with the Township Attorney. A roll call vote was taken. 5-yes, 0-no, motion passed. The board invited the Deputy Treasurer to attend the closed session.

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to adjourn from executive session and return to the regular session seconded by Trustee Pung and carried.

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to allow the Township Attorney to intervene on behalf of the Township concerning the Goodman Property. A roll call vote was taken 5-yes, 0-no, motion passed.

Trustee Platte motioned to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. seconded by Trustee Pung and carried.

The next meeting of the board will be July 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Portland Township Hall.

Clerk Keilen