

Portland Township
Ionia County, MI
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The October meeting of the board was held on October 14, 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 Pung motioned to approve the September 2009 board meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Platte and carried.

Resident Jane Jonaitis spoke concerning the nuisance ordinance for a situation in her neighborhood. Supervisor Tiemann and Zoning Administrator Vandersloot will address this concern.

Oaths were administered for Planning Commission members Ron Carleton and Clyde Woodman.

Treasurer Simon reported no fire runs and 6 ambulance runs for the month of September. The quarterly report and account balances were noted. Tax collection is at 93%. Mr. Tiejema will be present at the November meeting to discuss the Township Auditor position.

Supervisor Tiemann presented information on House bill # 5257-5264 concerning the granting of poverty exemptions. The Goodman property description has been corrected and a consent agreement will be finalized soon. There has been no response from the city concerning the fire contract. The Public Safety cost recovery program may be addressed at a later time. Delinquent fire bills were discussed.

Zoning Administrator Vandersloot reviewed her monthly report and discussed some nuisance situations with the board.

Representative Aaron Stevens from Abraham/Gaffney presented an audit proposal for the Township Auditor position.

Portland Township Library representatives; Maureen Wallace and Rosemary Leik presented the Portland District Libraries annual report.

The Gravel Road Resolution from the Ionia County Road Commission has been tabled to a future meeting.

Trustee Pung motioned to extend the term for Gerald Krausz as a representative for the P.A.M.A. board seconded by Supervisor Tiemann and carried.

Trustee Pung motioned to extend the terms for Anthony Simon and Julius Platte as representative's on the Zoning Board of Appeals seconded by Supervisor Tiemann and carried.

Entries for the Township Logo have been presented and will be discussed at the November meeting.

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to authorized Clerk Keilen to attend the Clerk retreat held by MTA seconded by Trustee Platte and carried. Clerk Keilen also expressed interest to enroll in the MTA Governance Academy.

Assessor Job duties will be addressed at the next contract signing.

Trustee Platte presented some information about a recycling program available to Township residents at a cost to the Township. The board decided against this program at this time.

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

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to authorize payment for the Assessor's Apex Software seconded by Trustee Pung and carried.

Trustee Platte motioned to adjourn at 9:25 seconded by Treasurer Simon and carried.

The next board meeting will be held on November 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Portland Township Hall.