

Portland Township
Ionia County, MI
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The November meeting of the board was held on November 11, 2009 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.

Trustee Platte motioned to approve the October 2009 board meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Pung and carried.

Treasurer Simon reported no fire runs and 6 ambulance runs for the month of October. Account balances were also reported.

Assessor Thompson noted a Michigan Tax Tribunal case with American Tower. She also noted her awareness of the 14 point review being done by the Michigan State Tax Commission. No sketches or pictures have been taken since 1995 for Portland Township and an update is due. The board has requested her to evaluate the work involved for this process.

Supervisor Tiemann noted House bill #5257-5264 granting poverty exemptions is still in the legislation process. A proposed Fire Contract with the City/Danby Township and the P.A.M.A. board will be discussed at the December board meeting. The Goodman property has not yet been finalized. Replacements for the BOR board will be discussed at the December meeting. The updated quote for paving of River rest from the Road Commission was noted.

Zoning Administrator Vandersloot reviewed her monthly report. Joseph Quick, the HOA president of Cottonwood Creek was present to discuss an alleged violation in this subdivision.

Larry Tiejema was present to discuss the Township Auditor position. A quote was requested by Supervisor Tiemann and seconded by Treasurer Simon and will be sent to the Township within the next couple weeks, motion carried.

Clerk Keilen covered the topics discussed at the Clerk retreat held by MTA.

Treasurer Simon motioned to select a Township Logo as presented amongst the entries received seconded by Supervisor Tiemann. A roll call vote was taken, 3-yes, 1-no, 1-abstain. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to authorized Clerk Keilen to enroll in the Township Governance Academy program sponsored by MTA seconded by Trustee Platte and carried.

The Public Safety cost recovery program will be tabled until the next board meeting.

The Delinquent fire bills issue will be tabled until the next board meeting.

The Township will not act on the gravel road resolution pertaining to the speed limit on gravel roads.

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

Trustee Platte noted the County approved and will oversee the plan to create a land bank.

Trustee Platte motioned to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. seconded by Trustee Pung and carried.

**The next board meeting will be held on December 9, 2009
at 7:00 p.m. at the Portland Township Hall**