

Portland Township
Ionia County, MI
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The January meeting of the board was held on January 13, 2010 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 December 2009 meeting minutes seconded by Treasurer Simon and carried.

Jane Jonaitis spoke about the nuisance ordinance situation in her neighborhood with concerns to the vehicles being licensed. Zoning Administrator Vandersloot will inspect these vehicles.

Mr. Mike Callton who is running for State Representative was present to address the public and answer any questions.

Treasurer Simon reported 5 ambulance runs and no fire runs for December 2009. Treasurer Simon noted about 62% of taxes have been paid. She will be at the Township Hall on February 12th from 12-5pm for tax collecting.

Assessor Thompson noted the requirements of holding the Board of Review meetings in March. Dates will be set and published.

Supervisor Tiemann noted the January 21st meeting with the Ionia County Equalization Dept. He is also pursuing the lot at Sun Communities for delinquent taxes. There will be a meeting with the Ionia County Drain Commission on January 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Hall concerning the Hitchcock drain. The Ionia County Road Commission has moved the David Hwy. bridge project to possibly 2013/2014. Legal Counsel states the Goodman property has been finalized. Supervisor Tiemann will be working with Legal Counsel to pursue delinquent fire bills. Supervisor Tiemann and Clerk Keilen will be attending the MTA Conference January 26-28th.

Clerk Keilen discussed a letter from the State Liquor Control Commission requesting a report on the Liquor Inspections for Portland Township for the last year. Clerk Keilen will respond to this request and Legal Counsel will assist with creating a Liquor Ordinance as required by the State.

Clerk Keilen covered the requirement to have a document from the Portland Area Service Group for funds given to the non-profit organization annually. A request will be made to have a document created.

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to authorize Clerk Keilen to apply for a TGA Scholarship seconded by Treasurer Simon and carried.

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to authorize members of the Board of Review to attend a training class held by MTA in February and to reimburse them the normal rate of a full days payment as a Board of Review member seconded by Treasurer Simon, 4-yes, 1-no, motion carried.

The board looked at samples for the Township Letterhead, some changes were suggested and a selection will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The board will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. on February 10th at the Portland Township Hall to have a work session on the future budget.

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

Supervisor Tiemann motioned to move to executive session to discuss a written confidential legal opinion with the Township Attorney and to allow the deputy Treasurer to attend seconded by Trustee Pung. A roll call vote was taken. 5 yes- 0-no motion carried.

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

Trustee Platte motioned to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. seconded by Trustee Pung and carried.

The next meeting of the board will be February 10th at 5:00 p.m. to have a work session on the future budget with the regular board meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

Charlene Keilen, Clerk