

BURNS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING, December 01, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Opened meeting with Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call: Present, Adams, Cole, Granger, Mitchell and Ritter.

All five township officers were reelected at the November 4th, 2008 General Election.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the following: Supervisor, David Mitchell; Treasurer, Valerie Ritter; Trustees, Garry Adams and Cheryl Cole.

The Supervisor then administered the Oath of Office to the Clerk, Sharon Granger.

Adams moved, Ritter seconded approval of the agenda as written. Carried.

Adams moved, Ritter seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2008 regular meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Ritter gave the Financial Report.

Chief Musall gave the Fire Report saying there were 5 runs during the month. The problems outlined in the minutes of last month's meeting are being worked out regarding the 800 MHz radio system.

There is ongoing discussion about the former Sunoco gas station in Byron not being able to furnish gas credit cards and the company not deleting the State and Federal taxes. We now have issues with Sunoco in Argentine not being open all the time and fuel available.

We have picked up fleet gas cards from Shell in Durand, talked with Coffield gas of Bancroft. It would be a 16 mile round trip to go that direction. Is it worth it? Do we charge in Byron and not worry about the tax for now? The clerk will see how much taxes were deleted through last year by Sunoco and make a decision next meeting.

Musall advised that Reflective Vests are now mandatory for Fire Departments. On November 21, 2008 the FHWA issued an interim final rule revising the Worker Visibility rule (23CFR 634) to create an exemption for the firefighting community. This interim Final rule allows fire fighter's or other emergency responders working within the right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway and engaged in emergency operations that directly expose them to flame, fire, heat and/or hazardous materials to wear retro reflective turn-out gear that is specified and regulated by other organizations, such as the National Fire Protection Association. The final rule went into effect November 24, 2008.

The vests are \$22.00 each and name letters on the back are .21¢ each. The chief would like to buy 10 at this time.

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded to purchase 10 High Visibility vests at \$24.00 per vest to be budgeted from the Fire Equipment Fund. Roll Call: Unanimous.

Sheriff Deputy, Brian Smith was in attendance and reported that there was no particular news in the area.

Cole moved, Adams seconded to pay the bills. Roll Call; All Ayes. No Nays. Carried.

Supervisor Mitchell reported that he and Adams and Attorney Pat McAvoy had met on November 24, 2008 with the people living on Champagne Lane and their attorney. They are still questioning the Township's right to use the private road for ingress and egress, even though it shown on our tax description. The problem continues.

Granger moved, Ritter seconded to pay the \$300.00 filing fee for the Fire Department's formation of a 501 c3 so they can hold money-making events, to be taken from the Fire Fund, Misc. account. Roll Call; All Ayes. No Nays. Carried.

Mitchell moved, Cole seconded to ~~renew the Lease Agreement Between~~ Burns Township and the Byron Area Schools for 3 years retroactive to the November 2008 date when the school signed the agreement. Carried.

This pertains to the 5 acres north of the hall and the Ag classes put in crops on the land.

Mitchell moved, Adams seconded to approve hall rental requests for Shirley Tomasek, January 31, Baby Shower and Fireworks Committee, March 8, for Pork Barbeque dinner. Carried.

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded to extend Gregory Gulick and David Wyrick to new 3 year terms on the Burns Township Planning Commission, term from January 1, 2009 through Dacember 31, 2011. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

DATED _____ APPROVED _____

CLERK Sharon Granger