

BURNS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Mitchell called the meeting to order with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ritter moved, Cole seconded agenda approval with addition of the lawn mowing contract submitted by Bert's Lawn Service to New Business. Carried.

Adams moved, Ritter seconded approval of the Minutes of January 2, 2007 with two corrections, sixth paragraph, Livingston County line from Eastward to Northward, and Deputy Krugger to Deputy Kruger, page 2, third paragraph. Carried.

Treasurer Ritter read the treasurer's report.

Chief Musall gave the Fire Report saying there were 2 alarms for the month. The 4 new pagers are here and will be distributed on Wednesday's training session.

A purchase of a vent saw was discussed and Musall was directed to pursue another line of additions to the present saw we have. Musall advised that Tanker 811 has been repaired, transmission, head gasket and starter at a cost of \$7,656.75. It was thought that it might have cost closer to \$12,000.

Steve Cornish, former firefighter on the department 2002-03 wishes to rejoin and he is fully trained and this will bring the unit up to 18 on the fire roster.

Mitchell moved, Adams seconded to add Steve Cornish to the fire roster as a probationary member. Carried.

Musall informed the board that at the January Chiefs meeting, they were all informed that Chief Officers minimum of every fire department will have to attend 40 hours NIMS training which will take a couple of weekends and will cover NIMS 300 and 400. It had not been expected to take 40 hours of classes. This must be completed in 2007. Musall will confer with the supervisor to see if Burns is going to stay in compliance, and Musall feels some kind of compensation is needed. This is a Homeland Security issue.

County training is being scheduled, Farm Accident, Fire Flashover simulator and our department hopes to take training.

Cole reported that SESSA has had 20 runs in our area from year to date. Byron Area Ambulance has filed bankruptcy. SESSA is still leasing the building.

Gary Holzhausen, Shiawassee County Drain Commission was present with a drain report and discussion. He said the drain commission costs for 2005-06, came in approximately \$40,000. under budget. They have collected over \$45,000. in back taxes from one of the railroad companies.

Ritter moved, Cole seconded approval of the bills. Roll Call; All Ayes. Carried.

Under new business, Granger moved, Adams seconded to sign the contract with Bert's Lawn Service for \$1,900. for the 2007 mowing season at the township hall, Pinetree (Burgess) cemetery and Gaylord cemetery. Roll Call; All Ayes. Carried. It was noted that they have mowed for several years and have done a very good job and never have to be called to come and mow.

It was the consensus of the board to hold a budget workshop on Saturday, February 24, at 10 a.m. to discuss all budgets.

Mitchell moved, Granger seconded to hold the Public Hearing on the 2007-08 township budgets on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the regular April meeting, thereby saving money in not having to schedule a special meeting. Carried.

Granger moved, Cole seconded that Dara Russell be allowed to rent the township hall for a wedding reception on August 25th, 2007. Carried.

Granger reported that several budget adjustments needed to be made in the 2006-07 budgets.

Granger moved, Ritter seconded to adjust the following Fire Operating Fund Budgets:

Fuel and Supplies, from \$6000. to \$8000; Insurances from \$9,000. to \$9,800; and Miscellaneous, from \$1,300. to \$1,900. Roll Call; All Ayes. Carried.

Granger moved, Ritter seconded to adjust the Fire Equipment Fund Budgets:

Miscellaneous from 0 to \$7,700. and Equipment from \$136,000 to \$286,000. Roll Call; All Ayes. Carried.

Under Public Comments, Don Thompson wanted to know when the county code enforcement was going to complete enforcing several infractions in the township. There have been several changes in the zoning department due to lack of building new structures in the county.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

DATED _____ APPROVED _____

CLERK Sharon Granger