

BURNS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING, May 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Mitchell called the meeting to order with Pledge to the Flag.

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

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

Cole moved, Adams seconded approval of the April 5, 2010 regular meeting and 2010-11 Budget Public Hearing. Carried.

Treasurer Ritter gave the Financial report.

Granger moved, Adams seconded to transfer \$50,000. from General Fund Savings to the General Fund Building Improvement CD Account. Roll Call; Ayes, Adams, Cole, Granger, Mitchell and Ritter. Carried.

Ritter moved, Granger seconded to transfer \$25,000. from Fire Operating Fund Savings to Fire Operating Truck Reserve CD Account. Roll Call: Ayes, Cole, Ritter, Granger, Adams and Mitchell. Carried.

Ritter moved, Adams seconded to transfer \$40,000. from Fire Equipment & Apparatus Fund Savings to Fire Equipment & Apparatus Truck Reserve CD Account. Ayes, Granger, Adams, Cole, Ritter and Mitchell. Carried.

Chief Musall gave the Fire report saying there were 9 runs during the month. There was a utility/grass fire on Beard Rd. and we received Mutual Aid from Argentine and Vernon. A grass fire on Cole Rd. County Line Rd. ATV accident. Softwater Lk Dr. mutual Aid to Argentine. Durand Rd. @ Miller, ongoing of burning illegal material. Barnes Rd. pole barn fire Mutual Air from Vernon. Beard Rd. vehicle/trailer P.I. rollover. Pittsburg Rd. barn fire Mutual Aid to Vernon. Cork Rd. barn, Mutual Aid to Perry.

The chief asked permission to take 815, the grass rig and Sparky the Fire Dog to participate in the Bikin 4 Burns parade on May 8th. We were the recipients last year in the Bikin 4 Burns and that allowed us to purchased Sparky. Abate has put Bikin 4 Burns on for 10 years and this year, Durand City Fire is the recipient.

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded to allow truck 815, Grass Rig to participate in the parade in Flint, Bikin 4 Burns. Carried.

Musall explained that FCC is forcing all emergency services to reprogram radios to narrow ban, effective January 2013. But, FCC is not funding it. July 2010, no repairs on pagers that are not Minitor V or newer will be guaranteed if we to attempt a repair. We have only 8 Minitor V pagers so we need to purchase at least 12 new ones or take our chances on repairs. If we purchase before July, we will get both wide and narrow bands. After that, only the narrow band will be available.

Mitchell moved, Granger seconded to purchase 12 Minitor V pagers at a cost of \$5,304. from the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Fund. Roll Call; Ayes, Adams, Cole, Ritter, Granger and Mitchell. Carried.

Musall advised that this year, we need to renew our license for the Repeater we have on the cell tower. He advises that we modify it, open the license to be Public Safety. We can then allow in the future for the School, Byron DPW, etc to utilize the repeater.

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Musall feels that if we keep the public safety mindset, it will be an asset for any service that has VHF radios to have the repeater frequency in the time that communication is paramount. It will be a backup private channel.

Mitchell moved, Cole seconded to update the Repeater License to Public Safety at a proposed cost of \$150.00. Roll Call: Ayes, Ritter, Granger, Adams, Cole and Mitchell. Carried.

We are working with Emergency Manager Jim Sanderson on a grant to receive 2 hand-held radios and a base radio. We have completed SCBA fit test and Pump training and evaluations.

Emmitsburg, Maryland Michigan Weekend will be August 27-29. The County will provide free classes for 2 Firefighters but we need approval as they will be covered under Burns Township for liability. If the Chief can get a good response, he would like to send 2 more for a total of 4 to go. Cost to us would be \$390.00.

Cole moved, Granger seconded to send 4 firefighters with township paying for 2, to Emmitsburg, Maryland weekend, August 27-29, at an approximate cost of \$390.00. Roll Call; Ayes, Cole, Ritter, Mitchell, Granger and Adams. Carried.

The new no smoking State law was discussed. There is a costly fine involved. Adams moved, Granger seconded that no tobacco products shall be used anywhere in the township hall and firebarn. Mitchell moved and Cole seconded to amend the motion, to add no tobacco products in Burns Township vehicles.

The motion to amend was carried. The motion as amended that no tobacco products shall be used in the township hall, firebarn or township firetrucks/vehicles was carried.

Commissioner, Jerry Cole stated that they are now meeting once a month. Adams questioned why the commissioners did not approve the township's recommendation as to a 50' lot size instead of 35' in the proposed campground of the Atkinson's. Cole said that most campgrounds have the 35' lot size. In reply to Ritter's question as to why most of the County offices are closed from noon to 1 p.m., he said it was due to finances.

Dennis Rainwater was present announcing that he will run for the 85th District in the House as a Republican.

Ritter moved, Adams seconded to pay the bills. Roll Call; Ayes, Cole, Ritter, Granger, Mitchell and Adams. Carried.

Granger reported on the Legislative Breakfast in Lansing that she and Musall went to. Mitchell reported on various roads.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK Sharon Granger