

BURNS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING, August 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Cole moved, Ritter seconded agenda approval as written. Carried.

Adams moved, Ritter seconded approval of the Minutes of July 2, 2007 Regular Meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Ritter gave the Financial report.

Assistant Chief, George Hook gave the Fire report in the absence of Chief Musall. There were 9 runs for the month. Owosso township is hosting the Firefighter Academy, September through March 2008. The Burns Fire Department participated in the Byron Fun Days in July, with a Jaws of Life presentation.

Under New Business in the department, Chris Kish has resigned as a firefighter due to a schedule conflict and will be a loss in service to the department. Pumper 814, had to have pump repair due to internal pump failure of the seal and impeller. It was fixed at Apollo and is now back in service. All hand-held walkies and truck radios are reprogrammed to meet the county requirements. A potential firefighter application is being reviewed.

There was no ambulance report. The decision to levy another year of the Ambulance service with SESSA, will be reviewed and decided at the September regular meeting. Director, Guy Hubbard will be asked to attend that meeting for review of this past year's service.

Betsy Hull, Director of the Community District Library was in attendance and gave the 2007 Annual Report. The library at Byron is getting 20 hours of service per week. Contributions from Byron/Burns Township millage, total 13% of the cost of the library budget. In 2008, the levy will have to be renewed and in 2012, that election will become a district-wide millage vote. At this time, if Burns/Byron voted against it, this library would not be a part of the Community District Library. But in 2012, even if Burns/Byron voted it down, and it passed within the District, we would still be involved with the Community Library, and millage would be levied.

The City of Perry has asked to join the District and the present contract has to be amended to allow that. They have agreed to appropriate the equivalent of a half-mill to the District to operate the library during the calendar year 2008. The City will place the millage on the ballot during the 2008 elections to fund the District through 2012. Ms. Hull has asked for a motion to amend the present contract to add the City of Perry.

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded to approve the amendment of the Community District Library Agreement, to allow the City of Perry/Perry Public Library to become a member of the Community District Library. Roll Call; All Ayes. Carried.

Mitchell moved, Adams seconded to allow the VFW Post to use the hall on Wednesday, August 29th, for the Shiawassee County Council Meeting. Carried.

Ritter moved, Cole seconded to allow the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the L-4029, 2007 form to levy the taxes on the winter bill. General Fund Operating will be 0.8731 mill, Fire Fund Operating will be 0.9934, Fire Equipment Fund will be 0.4967 and Library will be 0.4852 per thousand dollars of valuation. Roll Call; Ayes: Adams, Cole, Ritter, Granger and Mitchell. Carried.

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

Granger reported that the Land Boundary of the Byron cemetery has been changed and approved and record of proceedings were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, December 6, 2005. About two-thirds of the cemetery was discovered to lie within the township on the GPS and Byron Police could not issue citations in that part when needed. The township asked that the affected land be annexed into the village.

The clerk will be helping with the village election on September 11th due to the fact that the State law mandates they must use our electronic machines.

Supervisor Mitchell reported that the second mineral brine has been applied to the gravel roads. Gradall work has been done in the township by the County Road Commission and they replaced a culvert on Barnes road at Braden at their expense. The commission has mowed weeds 3 times this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

DATED _____ APPROVED _____

CLERK

Sharon Granger