

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Fred Lewis at 6:30 p.m, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Holzheuer, Bielby, Bassi, Helms, Lewis and 11 citizens.

Public Comments at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Helms seconded by Bassi to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bassi seconded by Holzheuer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2009. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Budget Report: All accounts are in balance and the budget is in good shape.

Presentation of Bills: Motion by Helms seconded by Holzheuer to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bielby, Bassi, Helms, Holzheuer and Lewis. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Personnel Policy on sick time: Discussion on changing the way sick time is accumulated and banked. Proposed is to accumulate 4 hours per month up to 480 hours, no compensation would be paid for any hours over 480.

Township Tables & Chairs rental policy: Many of the tables & chairs being loaned out have returned damaged. Holzheuer voiced concerns that the policy should remain unchanged but closer inspection on checkout and return. Motion by Bassi seconded by Helms effective to have a rental fee for tables & chairs removed from the hall. Effective July 1, 2009 a fee will be charged for using the tables & chairs, check with the Township for the rates. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bielby, Helms, Bassi, Lewis. Nays; Holzheuer. Motion carried.

Historical Commission: Mr. Hewitt addressed the Board on establishing a Historical Commission. More information will be forthcoming.

Preliminary Budget: Supervisor presented the proposed budget and informed the Board of Revenue Sharing cuts and the possibility of more. The Budget hearing will be at the June 17, 2009 meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Layoff of Personnel: Addressing the cuts to the revenue sharing the Clerk is requesting a layoff of personnel in this department. Motion by Bielby seconded by Bassi to layoff Jean Neubecker as of July 1, 2009. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bassi, Helms, Bielby, Holzheuer, Lewis. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Loon Lake Nature Park: Motion by Lewis seconded by Bassi to approve change order #4, part of the grant, for the addition of a handrail at Loon Lake Nature Park along the Mud Lake walkway at a cost of \$8,710.00. The contractor Jaran subcontracted with Quality Builders to build this handrail. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bielby, Bassi, Helms, Lewis. Abstain; Holzheuer (Quality Builders). Nays; None. Motion carried.

Copier Lease: IKON proposed a lease for a new copier that will be networked with our computers with additional features at a reduced cost per copy. Motion by Bielby seconded by Bassi to approve a new lease with IKON at a rate of \$193.00 per month. Roll call vote: Ayes; Helms, Holzheuer, Bielby, Bassi, Lewis. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Credit Card Payments: Motion Lewis seconded by Holzheuer to enter into an agreement with Government Payment Service, Inc. to allow customers to pay using credit cards. This will be at no cost to the Township. A separate bank account will be opened to directly deposit these payments. Roll call vote: Ayes; Holzheuer, Bielby, Bassi, Helms, Lewis. Nays; None. Motion carried.

School Contract: Motion by Helms seconded by Lewis to approve the contract with the school for the collection of the summer taxes at \$2.50 per parcel. Roll call vote: Ayes; Helms, Holzheuer, Bassi, Bielby, Lewis. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Bridge Resolution: Motion by Lewis seconded by Helms to approve at resolution to support the Iosco Co. Road commission in seeking funds for the replacement of the bridge on Shellenbarger Rd. over the Smith Creek. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bassi, Helms, Holzheuer, Bielby Lewis. Nays; None.

Fair Promotion: Motion by Holzheuer seconded by Bielby to approve a payment of \$500.00 to The Iosco County Agricultural Society for the promotion of Plainfield Township. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bielby, Helms, Holzheuer, Lewis. Abstain: Bassi (On the Fair Board). Nays; None. Motion carried.

Fire Dept: Bob Dailey reported that he is working with the State Fire Marshall regarding the fires in town.

Park Commission: Roger Houthoofd reported to the Board on the progress of the new snowmobile trail.

Planning Commission: Rob Holzheuer reported on their recent meeting.

Building & Zoning: Total permits \$5,811.00.

Information to the Board: Supervisor will be meeting next week with the Supervisors and Fire Chiefs from Grant, Hill and Goodar

A newsletter will be going out with the summer taxes. Please have all submittals in the Cheryl Tyler by June 8, 2009.

Public comments: 8:32 p.m.

Motion by Bassi seconded by Bielby to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Elaine J. Bielby
Plainfield Township Clerk