

**Minutes to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Of Ingham Township
January 17, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kinne at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge

Roll: Trustee Braman: Absent Trustee Elliott: Present
 Treasurer Speck: Present Clerk Parsons: Present
 Supervisor Kinne: Present

Fire Personnel Present: Fire Chief Whipple, Fire Fighter Brad House

Previous Month's Minutes: Speck made the motion to accept the previous month's minutes as submitted. Motion was supported by Elliott. All in favor. Motion passed.

Going Green Proposal:

Fire Fighter Brad House, who is also a licensed electrician, along with Fire Chief Whipple presented a proposal to the Township Board to overhaul the lighting in the Twp Hall and Fire Dept., replacing the 4-lamp troffers with 3-lamp troffers. Doing this will lower the electric use by 1/3 and we will be able to receive a \$1600 credit from Consumers Power. Total cost for replacing with labor will be \$7700.

Chief also asked for approval to purchase a 10kw generator that will run on natural gas. This is the best quality at the best price generator. Cost for generator and installation will be \$4200.00

Also, the outside lights will be replaced with LED lights for a cost of \$2400.00.

Elliott made the motion which was supported by Speck to purchase and install the new lights for a cost of \$7700, the generator at a cost of \$4200 and the outside lights at a cost of \$2400.

Discussion: Rational for the purchases is to lower the electrical use and cost. New lighting will lower electric bill by approximately \$200 per month.

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne Nays: none

All in favor.

Chief Whipple requested funds to purchase a new cut off saw. The current saw that is used was damaged while being used in a fire. The purchase request is for a circular saw with a diamond edge blade at a cost of \$1200. Funds were also requested for 2 new flashlights and lenses at a cost of \$90. Speck made the motion which was supported by Elliott to purchase saw and flashlights for a cost of \$1300.

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne

Nays: none

All in favor.

Chief Whipple presented the monthly and yearly reports.

Supervisor Kinne stated that he had a conversation with Chief Whipple about the moral of the department and he feels that Chief Whipple has everything under control and is doing a very good job.

He also stated that if there are any complaints from firefighters, they need to follow chain of command or present the issue in front of the Township Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Speck presented to the Township Board a plan to pay off the balance owed on Engine 331. The plan will pay off the truck 3 years early saving the department approx. \$13000 in interest. Fire Department accounts have the money and still leaving plenty in account for emergencies.

Elliott made the motion which was supported by Parsons to allow Treasurer Speck to close the Fire Department Equipment Fund approx. \$25,014.54 and deposit into the Fire Dept. General fund savings along with \$71,400 from the Fire Department Savings to pay off the engine loan at a cost of \$96,108.53 as of 1/19/11.

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne

Nays: none

All in favor.

Parsons made the motion which was supported by Elliott to adjourn.

All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted by

Marie E Parsons, Clerk

