

**Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees  
Of  
Ingham Township  
May 16, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Supervisor Kinne

Pledge was recited by all.

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

**Township Personnel Present:** Chief Tim Whipple and Assistant Chief Bob Battige

**Citizens Present:** Boy Scout Troop 21, Troop Leader Brenda Evarts, Kelly Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Thais Rousseau, CADL Librarian, Dansville Branch, CADL Board Members

Elliott made the motion which was supported by Speck to accept the previous month's minutes as submitted by Clerk Parsons. All in favor. Motion passed

Supervisor Kinne introduced himself to the audience and explained to the Boy Scout troop his job duties and the origination of the township.

Clerk Parsons introduced herself and explained her job duties.

Treasurer Speck introduced herself and explained her job duties

Trustee Elliott introduced himself and explained his job duties.

**Citizen Comments and Concerns:**

Connie Stewart presented to the Board her concerns about the Howard Township Cemetery. She feels the grass is not mowed often enough, the trees need trimmed or removed, the fencing is falling down and the tombstones are in need of repair. Brenda Evarts offered her troop as helpers with the yard maintenance. Parsons offered to speak with the lawn maintenance person to see if he would supervise. Speck suggested that the Board budget more money for mowing and maintenance. Parsons and Speck will research the cost of landscaping the hill in front of library. Additional funds in the budget will be researched and discussed in June board meeting.

**Annual Library Report:** Librarian Thais Rousseau presented the Board with the Year in Review report for the library.

See attached report.

# CADL DANSVILLE

Head Librarian: Thais Rousseau



## Snap SHOT

**34,159**

...Items  
checked out

**27,723**

...visits to  
our library

**214**

...kids & teens signed up  
for Summer Reading

### Year in Review

This year we concentrated on finding new avenues for outreach and community partnerships, working successfully with groups such as the Dansville Preschool and scouting troops.

At the library, kids enjoyed storytimes, book discussions and events like a Fancy Nancy party and Family Dinosaur Day. Our special summer events were a hit—more than 80 people came to see Patches the Pirate and his live alligator sidekick!

Do-it-yourself programs on creating steampunk jewelry and skin care products were popular with teens. Adults appreciated free computer classes and special interest programs. A presentation about Dansville's Fairview Cemetery by the Dexter Trail Questers drew a large audience.

### Library Friends

Our Friends group provided generous support for many of the programs, supplies and furniture needed in 2010, including a beautiful display shelf for new items and educational toys for children. Funds were generated through several book sales as well as an ongoing sale shelf.

### Appreciation

This year Ingham Township remodeled our entryway, making room for seating, a literature rack and a new display unit. Sincere thanks are due to them as well as to our Friends group and our loyal patrons for their ongoing support of the Dansville Library.

### A Community Partner

In 2010, staff from the Dansville Library:

- Participated in the annual community treasure hunt
- Provided special programs for Dansville Preschool and local Scout troops
- Visited Dansville Elementary to promote our Summer Reading Program
- Engaged fifth grade classes in a spirited Battle of the Books competition
- Participated in the Back-to-School Bash

### SPOTlight

Our family-friendly Winter Fest celebration drew 65 people of all ages for pony rides, a petting zoo, balloon animals and face painting.

Outreach Storytimes Comics  
Grow CREATING OPPORTUNITY Teach  
Kids Technology Service Teens Reference

**Fire Report:** Chief Whipple presented monthly reports.

Tallies for the Wooden Nickel Fire were:

- 113 fire personnel
- 38 pieces of equipment
- 20 agencies with the furthest coming from Grand Ledge
- 225000 gallons of water hauled with tankers
- 125000 gallons from water tower.

Fire Applicant: Chief Whipple interviewed and would like to hire Amanda Walker as a fire fighter and an EMT. Elliott made the motion which was supported by Speck to hire.

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne

Nays: none

Motion passed

David Hallock passed fire school. Speck made the motion which was supported by Elliott to purchase turn out gear up to \$2500

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne

Nays: none

Motion passed

DNR Grant: Whipple requested permission to apply for a \$4999 matching grant to purchase radios that will communicate with Livingston County

Speck made the motion which was supported by Elliott to budget \$4999 to match the grant

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne

Nays: none

Motion passed

Whipple stated that he will be looking at the costs of new truck.

The Fire Department Open House/Pancake Breakfast collected \$489.14 in donations.

**Old Business:** Wilbur Rykert sent a letter stating that his goals to clean up his property on Williamston Rd. Elliott suggested we send him a letter stating that we needed a monthly report which shows the level of progress.

**Supervisor Report:** Kinne attended a meeting with the State Police. The rural townships now have 24 hour patrol and the Lansing post will be getting 4 new recruits.

**Treasurers Report:** Received information from bank. We can combine the savings and checking account for the township and save the service charges. This can be done for Fire Department also.

Parsons made the motion which was supported by Elliott to combine the Township's saving (xxxxxx) and checking ( xxxxxx) accounts into one account as well as the Fire Department's saving ( xxxxxx) and checking (xxxxxx) accounts.

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne

Nays: none

Motion passed

Speck also requested that she be able to accept credit card payments for taxes. This will be of no charge to the Township. The person making the payment will cover the fee.

Parsons made the motion which was supported by Elliott to allow Speck to accept credit card payments.

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne

Nays: none

Motion passed

### **Payment of Bills**

Elliott made the motion which was supported by Speck to pay the Township and Fire Department bills as submitted.

Roll: Ayes: Elliott, Speck, Parsons, Kinne

Nays: none

Motion passed

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

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted by

Marie E Parsons, Clerk