

**Watertown Township Board Meeting
December 9, 2009**

Quertermous called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Fackler, Frenzel, Herington, Quertermous & Tanks were present. Also present were Fire Department Assistant Chief Ray Herington and (4) four guests.

Tanks read the November 11, 2009 meeting minutes. Supervisor Quertermous instructed that the minutes would stand approved as read.

Fire Report: Assistant Chief Ray Herington gave the monthly fire report. Herington was advised that Fire Department expenditures for December were over the amount allowed without approval from Trustee Herington. He was reminded that they did not have to submit a written request, just call and discuss it with Trustee Herington before placing the order.

Zoning Report: Kathy Lee issued two (2) zoning permits during the past month. Brandon Smallwood at 9590 Boucher Road for a deck and Josephine Bringard at 555 Lincoln Street for a deck with a roof.

Treasurer's Report: Frenzel presented the treasurer's report with the following balances on 11/30/2009

General Fund	\$5,137.08
Library Account	2,437.50
Fire Dept Reserve Fund	6,044.81
Trust & Agency	45.24
Tax Collections	1.00

Certificates of Deposit

General Fund	75,901.96
Library Fund	2,040.17
Fire Fund	15,141.53

Tanks motioned to approve Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by Herington. Motion carried.

Supervisor Quertermous recently received a letter from Jay Tuckey at Tuscola County Road Commission explaining that making the Road Board elected positions, vs. the currently appointed positions, is under consideration.

Trustee Fackler reported that the concession stand at Foster Park has been re-wired. He also added that maintenance has cleaned up the lot on the SE corner of Saginaw & Locust.

Trustee Herington expressed a concern that there are no files on the computer in the Fire Department Office. Quertermous will call Fire Chief Ogg and request that even if they are duplicates, files should be available on the computer in the Fire Department office.

Clerk's Report: Tanks requested permission to sign a full service voting machine maintenance agreement with Election Source for the 2010 election year at the cost of \$271.00. Frenzel made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion was seconded by Fackler. Motion carried. Tanks submitted December vouchers as follows: General Fund: 9,564.11; Library Fund: \$1,628.61; Fire Dept Fund: 2,735.94. Herington made a motion to approve vouchers and have checks drawn on the same. Motion seconded by Frenzel. Motion carried.

Assessor Valentine brought up an issue regarding the Special Fire Assessment. There are some township parcels with buildings, but not homes, that are not currently paying a Fire Assessment. Valentine requested permission to add the fire assessment to those parcels at the Board of Review meeting on December 15, 2009. Tanks will look up the original ballot language from 1996 before the Board of Review meeting on the 15th. Tanks made a motion to allow Valentine to charge a fire assessment on those parcels, providing the original ballot language states structure, rather than per dwelling. Motion seconded by Herington. Motion carried. Four (4) ayes, One (1) nay.

Eric Fox brought in a property transfer agreement to show ownership on parcels 021-029-000-2500-00, 021-033-000-0800-00 and 021-029-000-1900-00, the former Waterland Trucking Company Property. Tanks made a motion to transfer the land, along with its current permits (*Soil Removal and Special Land Use*), to Eric Fox. Motion seconded by Frenzel. Motion carried. Mr. Fox was reminded that sometime between January 1, 2010 and March 31, 2010 it will be necessary for him to renew (*required annually*) his soil removal permits. At that time everything will be filled out and filed under his name, along with all previous paperwork in reference to that particular property.

Public Comment: Geri Herington expressed a concern about blight at the house on the SE corner of Foster and Washington. Tanks explained that due to budget constraints, Blight Enforcement has been temporarily suspended. However, she will send a letter regarding the problem.

Fackler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Herington seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk

Minutes approved on _____

Danny K. Quertermous, Township Supervisor

Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk