

**DANBY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING-MAY 28, 2009**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Danby Township Hall, 13122 Charlotte Highway. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call Board members present:** Supervisor Pohl, Clerk Platte, Treasurer Kolarik, Trustees Reisbig and McCormack.

**Minutes-regular meeting April 30, 2009-** On page 31 the first sentence under New Business, Newsletter Information should read, "In the upcoming township newsletter Supervisor Pohl asked the public what kind of information they'd like to see in it and had them give some ideas for the content of the newsletter."

MOTION by Kolarik                      Seconded by Reisbig                      CARRIED  
Approve the regular meeting minutes from April 30, 2009 as amended.

**Agenda-**Add #4 under New Business: Danby Township Web-site and #5 under New Business Township Newsletter.

MOTION by Reisbig                      Seconded by Pohl                      CARRIED  
Approve the agenda as amended.

**Communications-**

MOTION by Kolarik                      Seconded by Reisbig                      CARRIED  
Place communications on file.

**Public Comment-**Kathleen Smith thanked the Danby Township Board for letting the Cemetery Society host its annual Memorial Day celebration in the township hall. Ms. Smith spoke of how impressed people that attended the memorial celebration were with the new flags around the cemetery.

**New Business:**

**Dennis Miller Mining Expansion** – At the Planning Commission's May 20, 2009 meeting they approved the Miller Mining Expansion. The Planning Commission felt all the requirements stated by the engineer, planner and Zoning Administrator (Jeanne Vandersloot) had been met. Nobody in the crowd on May 20<sup>th</sup> disputed the Miller Mining Expansion Project.

MOTION by Reisbig                      Seconded by Pohl                      CARRIED  
Approve the Miller Mining Expansion for the site plan, the reclamation plan and conditions and the special use permit amendment to mine closer to Cutler Road as shown on the plans.

**ICRC and County Drain Commissioner Recommendation for Drainage Repairs** – John Bush the Ionia County Drain Commissioner and a representative of the Ionia

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County Road Commission met on the corner of Charlotte Highway and Peake Road to find a solution to the drainage problem in that area. The property on the corner of Peake Road and Charlotte Highway is owned by Brian Simons. Mr. Simons does not currently live at this residence, it is vacant. The neighbor Jesse Terwilliger is having a drainage problem on Charlotte Highway with his front yard. There is standing water in his front yard with no place to drain. John Bush and the Ionia County Road Commission together came up with a solution to the drainage problem which entailed installing a culvert in the driveways of Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Simons. The cost of a culvert for the Simons property is around \$250.00. The Ionia County Road Commission offered to pay for the engineering and labor to get this drainage problem solved. Mr. Terwilliger the owner of the residence on Charlotte Highway offered, once the water was drained away he would bring in fill dirt and pea stone to try and fill in some of his front yard so drainage won't be such a big problem. Mr. Terwilliger has also agreed to pay for a culvert to be installed in his own driveway. Supervisor Pohl is going to contact Mr. Simons about paying for the culvert that will be installed in his driveway.

MOTION by Kolarik                      Seconded by Pohl                      CARRIED

Approve the expense of the culvert for Brian Simons driveway only if Supervisor Pohl can't talk Brian Simons (the property owner) to pay for it at a cost of around \$250.00.

**Ambulance Contract** – The Ambulance Contract with the City of Portland is up for renewal. Option B is the one that Danby Township has had in the past, the cost of Option B will be going up from \$10.50 to \$11.00 plus the \$2.00 per capita fee. The total cost of Option B would cost Danby Township \$35,004.00 which includes the per capita fee of \$5,392.00. The numbers are based on the population in Danby Township from the 2000 census.

MOTION by Kolarik                      Seconded by Reisbig                      CARRIED

Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2009/2010 Ambulance Agreement with the City of Portland, choosing Option B as the plan the township would like to have.

**Danby Township Website** – Bruce Hansen a resident of Danby Township has offered to help redesign the Danby Township Website. Mr. Hansen discussed several options with the Danby Township Board. Supervisor Pohl suggested a Special Meeting be held to discuss the layout and information for the Danby Township Website. The proposed meeting date for the Special Meeting is June 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Danby Township Hall.

**Township Newsletter** – Treasurer Kolarik brought a rough draft of the township newsletter that will be mailed with 2009 summer tax bills. Trustee McCormack suggested some information about the Planning Commission, its goals, meetings and upcoming events. Other suggestions were given to Treasurer Kolarik, which she'll try to include in the newsletter when she makes the final draft.

