MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the Ira Township Fire Hall located at 7065 Meldrum Road, Fair Haven, Michigan 48023 on November 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat.

Board members absent: None

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 10/2/23 regular and 10/12/23 and 10/23/23 special meetings, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- EGLE Draft Permit RE Waterview Park Estates
- EGLE Permit RE Consumers Energy
- EGLE Notice Letter RE 9033 Dixie Highway

Acknowledged and filed

OLD BUSINESS:

Bethuy Road Investments LLC $2^{\rm nd}$ Request for Extension of Special Approval Land Use and Site Plan (PC# 21-431)

T. Lauer, supported by S. Ruhlman, moved to approve the request of Bethuy Road Investments LLC and authorize an additional one-year extension, from December 6, 2023 to December 6, 2024, for the Special Approval Land Use and Site Plan previously approved by the Board at its December 6, 2021 meeting, with the requirement that all conditions of the original approval are submitted to the Building Department prior to issuance of any building permit.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Division Application RE 74-23-012-1009-000 (Vacant Markel) S. Ruhlman moved to approve the land division for parcel #74-23-012-1009-000 as presented, which application has been reviewed by the Township Assessor and St. Clair County, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Clay Police - October Additional Charges and August 2023 Adjustments

S. Ruhlman moved to approve payment of \$4,375.84 to the Clay Township Police Department which represents the October additional charges of \$1,700.00 and August 2023 base and additional charges of \$2,675.84, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

RES 23-11-01 Delinquent Water / Sewer Utility Billing Charges to 2023 Winter Tax Roll

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 23-11-01 to Add Delinquent Utility Bills totaling \$34,751.88 to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer,

Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 23-11-02 Delinquent Garbage Charges to 2023 Winter Tax Roll S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 23-11-02 to Add Delinquent Garbage Bills totaling \$87,862.94 to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll, supported by T. Eder

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer,

Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 23-11-03 Delinquent Sewer Lateral Line Charges to 2023 Winter Tax Roll

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 23-11-03 to Add Delinquent Sewer Lateral Line charges, costs and interest totaling \$1,318.93 to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer,

Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 23-11-04 Delinquent Water Lateral Line Charges to 2023 Winter Tax Roll

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 23-11-04 to Add Delinquent Water Lateral Line charges, costs and interest totaling \$7,151.40 to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer,

Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 23-11-05 Delinquent Invoices to 2023 Winter Tax Roll

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 23-11-05 to Add Delinquent Invoices totaling \$885.05 to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer,

Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 23-11-06 Delinquent Long Island Court Special Assessment District Invoices to 2023 Winter Tax Roll

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 23-11-06 to Add Delinquent Long Island Court Special Assessment District Invoices totaling \$2,702.28 to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer,

Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 23-11-07 To Approve Ballot Question for Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment

S. Ruhlman, supported by T. Eder, moved to adopt Resolution 23-11-07 to Approve Ballot Question for Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment read by Supervisor Endres into the record:

PROPOSAL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 131

Shall Ordinance No. 131, which was adopted by the Ira Township Board of Trustees on 1-4-2023, rezoning a vacant parcel on the west side of Meldrum Road (near 26 Mile Road), Parcel No. 74-23-004-2007-000, from Agricultural Estates Conservation (AEC) to Light Industrial (I-1), which is consistent with the Township's Master Plan as adopted in 2008 and compatible with adjoining properties, be approved and take effect?

[] YES [] No

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer,

Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

2024 Township Meeting Calendar and Reschedule January 2024 Meeting

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and approve the 2024 Township Meeting Calendar and reschedule the regular January 2024 Board meeting from January 1, 2024 to January 4, 2024, supported by T. Eder. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Savings Plan and Stipend Payouts

T. Lauer moved to approve the payout of the 2023 Savings Plan the week of November 13, 2023 and stipends the week of December 4, 2023, for participating employees, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Schedule 2023 Audit Meeting

T. Lauer moved to schedule a special meeting on December 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to review the audit with the Township's Accounting Firm, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

M Parks Annual Conference

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and approve the sum of \$468.50 toward the cost to attend the M Parks Annual Conference, supported by T. Eder.

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All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Budget Revision 23/24 #2

		Budget Revision 23/24 #2	meeting			
General Fund						
	Revenues					
	101-000-665	Interest	20,000			
	101-000-665.300	Interest - Restricted	1,200			
	Expenditures					
	Executive Activities					
	101-173-806	Property Liability Insurance	220			
	101-173-956	Seminars/Workshops/Training	300			
	Parks & Recreation					
	101-751-933	Maintenance - Township Parks	2,000			
	Net effect on budget will be a \$ 18,680.00 Increase to the Revenues					
Water/Sewer Fund						
	Revenue					
	592-536-665	Interest	10,000			
	592-536-665.300	Interest - Restricted	9,000			
	592-537-665	Interest	10,000			
	592-537-665.300	Interest - Restricted	30,000			
	Expenditures					
	592-000-158.100	Construction in Progress - ARPA	109,781	**		

Net effect on budget will be a \$50,7891.00 Increase to the Expenditures

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Revision 23/24~#2 for the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, supported by J. Corbat.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

^{**}Revenue side was increased on Budget Revision #1 10/2/23

Land Division Application RE 74-23-012-1001-001 (7989 Arnold)

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the land division for parcel #74-23-012-1001-001 as presented, which application has been reviewed by the Township Assessor and St. Clair County, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Firefighter 1 and 2 Class

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve payment of \$950.00 for Kate Frontiera, who has signed a Training Contract, to attend Firefighter 1 & 2 classes, scheduled January 2024 to May 2024, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

New Pick-Up Truck DPS

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from LaFontaine Automotive Group, in the amount of \$51,880.00, to purchase a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 Regular Cab Long Box Truck, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Reinvestment of T-Bills

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Treasurer and approve reinvesting in T-Bills as each account comes up for renewal, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

OCTOBER 2023 REPORTS:

Police Run Report
Building Department Permits
Code Enforcement
DPS

- Evaluating and collecting items to send to auction at the end of the month;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports

- 14 women attended the Paint in Series held at the Fire Department on November 4, 2023;

Fire Chief Run Reports

- 70 Calls in October, about 30 less than last year; Supervisor:
 - Very busy month in the office;
 - Replacement of the large culvert on Arnold Road is progressing; signing Easement next week with property owners; culvert should be installed by end of the year;
 - Update on progress of setting speed limits on Short Cut and other local roads;
- Emterra invoice billing, fuel surcharge and late charge; Clerk:
 - Reminder of election on November 7, 2023 for Anchor Bay School residents only;
 - Office will be closed on November $9^{\rm th}$ in observance of Veterans Day;
 - Thank you to Fire Department for the great pancake breakfast held on October $22^{\rm nd}$;
 - Thank you to Parks & Rec for the Trick and Treat in the Trails event which had a great turnout;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments;
- Building Permit Refunds;
- Update on Varipro services for employee union related reimbursements which will continue at no increase in cost;
- Reinvestment of T-Bills;

Trustee Eder:

- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone;

Trustee Ruhlman:

- Awaiting update on broadband;

DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$406,965.43 and supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION

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Req			
Fund 101 General Government	\$183,017.52		
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$9,674.08		
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$117,913.55		
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Fund 101 General Government	\$2,189.36		
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$93,365.88		
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$465.04		
Add-on	\$340.00		
Cormac			

Total for All Funds \$406,965.43

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of T. Eder, to close the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk