

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on December 4, 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 11/6/23 regular and 11/27/23 special meetings, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Division Application RE 74-23-013-4001-001 (7714 Shea)

T. Lauer moved to approve the land division for parcel #74-23-013-4001-001 as presented, which application has been reviewed by the Township Assessor and St. Clair County, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Clay Police - November Additional Charges

T. Eder moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$935.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of November 2023, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Newspaper / Attorney of Record / Engineer

T. Lauer moved to retain Christine Anderson of Seibert & Dloski as the Township attorney, to retain John T. Monte of Project Control Engineering as the Township engineer and to utilize The Bay Voice as the newspaper of record, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Game Time EWF Safety Surfacing

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Director and approve the quote from Game Time c/o Sinclair Recreation, in the amount of \$13,484.90, to purchase and install EWF Safety Surfacing by the new playground equipment in the Municipal Park, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

RES 23-12-01 Performance and Indemnification Resolution

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 23-12-01 Performance and Indemnification Resolution, supported by T. Lauer.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat

Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RES 23-12-02 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies
T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 23-12-02 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies, 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**

Appointments to Authority Board
S. Ruhlman moved to appoint Supervisor J. Endres Jr. and Treasurer T. Lauer as Township representatives to the Southwater Municipal Utility Authority Board, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Appointments to Construction Board of Appeals
T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Building Official and appoint Joe Vaglica, Eric Heiderer and Chad Asmith to the Construction Board of Appeals, for a five (5) year term, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

NOVEMBER 2023 REPORTS:

Police Run Report
Building Department Permits
Code Enforcement
DPS

- Live auction update;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports

- Update on Tree Lighting;
- County Crew scheduled for 2024;
- Update on Township community decorations;
- Parks & Recreation Meeting update;

Fire Chief and October Run Report

- 47 Calls in November - down from last year;
- Update of installation of outdoor warning signals - awaiting permits;
- SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus) are in and getting ready for service;

Supervisor:

- Happy Holidays to the Board and residents;
- Shout out to the DPS Staff for help at the tree lighting event and though out the year;
- Update on discussions with Dave LaDuke of Duke Broadband on grant benefitting the Township;

Clerk:

- Attended St. Clair County MTA meeting on November 30, 2023 - guest speaker was Judy Allen, Government Relations Director for MTA;
- Attending St. Clair County Clerks Association meeting on December 7, 2023;
- Holiday hours are posted; Safe and happy holidays to everyone;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments;
- Reinvestment of T-Bills;

Trustee Eder:

- Happy Holidays to everyone;

Trustee Ruhlman:

- Happy Holidays;

DISBURSEMENTS:

T. Lauer moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$329,357.69 and supported by J. Endres Jr.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$59,636.48
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$164,310.53
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$164,583.93
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$2,121.10
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$488.50
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$1,217.15
Total for All Funds	\$392,357.69

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wagner Lane residents, Sara and Dave Potter (7945 Wagner Lane) Gary Moscone (7780 Wagner Lane) and Jeff and Tam Bradford (7881 Wagner Lane) addressed the Board regarding the condition of Wagner Lane. The residents advised that 70% of the property owners on Wagner Lane are in favor of a special assessment district to pave the road, but because of plat discrepancies, they cannot proceed. The residents understand that the original plat has the roadway in another location and that this is a private road. For many years, the County maintained the roadway and the cost related to the maintenance was charged to the property owners by the Township. However, the County has now withdrawn its agreement to maintain the road and the road is falling into disrepair. They also advised that they contacted homeowners on the road to jointly support road maintenance but some of the property owners will not pay their share of the expense. The residents are concerned with the safety of the road and need something done. They are requesting an attorney's opinion on what the Township can do to assist them.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of S. Ruhlman, to close the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk