

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on February 5, 2024 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 and Stella Ruhlman.  
Board member absent: Jean Corbat

**MINUTES:**

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 1/4/24 regular meeting, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

EDA 2024 Economic Growth Luncheon  
SEMCO Energy Hearing Notice  
St. Clair County MTA Annual Meeting

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Marine City Holdings LLC / ML Chartier Excavating, Inc.,  
Site Plan RE: PC Case #23-443; 9783 Marine City Highway  
T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Site Plan as presented, dated December 12, 2023, for a permanent recycling facility at 9783 Marine City Highway supported by S. Ruhlman.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Clay Police - January Additional Charges  
S. Ruhlman moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,785.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of January 2024, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Axcient & PAM Programs  
S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Financial Accountant and approve the purchase of the Axcient program for ten (10) township computers at a monthly cost of \$3.00 per computer or \$30.00 per month and the purchase of the PAM program for twenty-one (21) township computers at a monthly cost of \$2.00 per computer or \$42.00 per month, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Timbers Tree Service, Inc.  
S. Ruhlman moved to approve the quote from Timbers Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$4,635.00, to remove trees on vacant Township property located on Dixie Highway and to perform stump removal at the Township Library, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Meter Purchase  
S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from Hydro-Corp, in the amount of \$3,386.40, to purchase twenty (20) water meters, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Amendment 23/24 #3

Budget Amendment 23/24 #3 General		2/5 Meeting
Expenditures		
101-000-540	Local Community Stabilization - Metro Act	(4,700)
101-000-540.100	Local Community Stabilization - PPT Reimb	(400)
101-000-573	State of Michigan - LCSA Metro Act	4,700
101-000-573.100	State of Michigan - LCSA PPT Reimb	400
The above is to close 101-000-540 & 540.100 due to changes in the Chart of Accounts & move it to the new account numbers 101-000-573 & 573.100		

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Amendment 23/24 #3 for the General Fund, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Revision 23/24 #4

Budget Revision 23/24 #4		2/5 meeting	
General Fund			
Expenditures			
Elections			
101-262-900	Printing/Publishing	3,000	
Building & Grounds			
101-265-930	Land & Building Repairs	3,000	
Police			
101-301-818	Contractual Services	11,000	increase in hours
Parks & Recreation			
101-751-816.001	Recreation Program - Halloween	90	
Library			
101-790-930	Land & Building Repairs	500	
Net effect on budget will be a \$ 17,590.00 Increase to the Expenditures			

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Revision 23/24 #4 for the General Fund, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Aerial Imagery Program

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Assessor and approve an agreement with St. Clair County Equalization Department to provide Aerial Imagery with Digital Interactive Maps, for a term of six (6) years at an annual cost of \$1,000.00 per year, beginning March 1, 2024, supported by T. Lauer.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

2024 Standard Mileage Rate

T. Lauer moved to adopt the IRS 2024 Standard Mileage Rate of .67 cents per mile, effective February 5, 2024, supported by S. Ruhlman.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

NPDES Permit Application for MS-4 Discharge

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the quote from Project Control Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$7,700.00, to submit a renewal application for five-year MS-4 Permit, on or before April 4, 2024, to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), supported by S. Ruhlman.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Fire Station Study

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, to perform a building and structure study of the Fire Hall, supported by T. Lauer.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Firefighter Pay

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve a \$3.00 per hour pay increase for Parttime Firefighters from \$16.00 to \$19.00 per hour and to approve a \$4.00 per hour pay increase for Duty Shift Firefighters from \$14.00 to \$18.00 per hour, both increases effective February 10, 2024, supported by T. Lauer.

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

Fire Department Officer Promotion

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and promote Sgt. Daniel Stringer to Captain of the Fire Department Officer Command effective February 5, 2024, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Radio Upgrade

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Digicom Global Inc., in the amount of \$7,958.00, to upgrade sixteen (16) 800mhz portable radios, allocating funds awarded by the MI Grant, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

Parttime Firefighter

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and appoint Dylan Stallard to an open part-time position, for a 3-month probationary period, starting at \$17.00 per hour, supported by T. Lauer.

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

Firefighter Resignation

T. Lauer moved to accept the resignation letter from Matthew Doan, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Sewer Pump Purchase

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from Kennedy Industries, in the amount of \$12,358.00, to purchase a new Sewer Pump, supported by T. Eder.

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

Truck Cap for DPS Vehicle

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc., in the amount of \$7,325.00, to purchase a new ATC Pro Series Aluminum Truck Cap for the 2023 GMC 2500 Sierra, supported by T. Eder.

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

RES 24-02-01 to Adopt Threshold Amount Under Section 218 Agreement for Election Workers

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 24-02-01 to Adopt Threshold Amount Under Section 218 for Election Workers, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Jean Corbat

Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Zobl Court Water and Sewer Line Replacement

J. Endres Jr., moved to table this matter for more information and meeting with Clay Township supported by S. Ruhlman

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

**JANUARY 2024 REPORTS:**

Police Run Report

Building Department Permits

Code Enforcement

DPS Supervisor

- Auction over;
- New piece of equipment delivered;
- Valve replacement program - done in-house;

Parks & Rec Director Reports

- 22 attended the painting class;
- Received \$2,500 in sponsor donations;
- Music in the Park in process;
- New playground equipment has been delivered; getting costs for assembly;

Fire Chief and Run Report

- 66 runs for January

Supervisor:

- Attended Supervisors' meeting;
- Sewer Authority is working;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments;

Trustee Eder:

- Thank you to the Board for support of the Fire Department;

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$377,371.79 and supported by T. Lauer.

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

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$80,447.78
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$22,525.03
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$270,137.19
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$1,707.09
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$833.55
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$1,721.15
Total for All Funds	\$377,371.79

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of J. Endres Jr., to close the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jean Corbat, Clerk

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Thomas Lauer, Recording Secretary