MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 4, 2024

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on March 4, 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 Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat.

Board member absent: Thomas Eder

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 2/5/24 regular and 2/27/24 special meetings, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Clay Police - February Additional Charges

T. Lauer moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,020.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of February 2024, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Brian Kolp/8089 Dixie LLC Site Plan RE: PC Case #24-444; 8089 Dixie Highway

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Site Plan as presented, dated February 14, 2024 and also requiring a dual-function site parking agreement, for a multiple tenant building at 8089 Dixie Highway, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Raw Water Monitoring

- T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the five-year agreement with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., for Drinking Water Monitoring Network Equipment Maintenance & Data Management, for the sum of \$26,967.00 pro-rated over five-years at an annual cost of \$5,393.00, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED
- St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Limestone Haul (Perch Road, Old Dyke and Swan Creek Road)
 - S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission for 70/30 limestone haul on Perch Road, Old Dyke and Swan Creek Road, in the amount of \$4,826.25 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

- St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Limestone Haul (Local Roads)
 - S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission for limestone haul on local Township roads in the amount of \$68,062.50 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

- St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Chloride Applications
 - J. Corbat moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission, in the amount of \$27,900.00, for chloride applications on local roads and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Shoulder Patch T. Lauer moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission, in the amount of \$2,784.00, for shoulder patch on local hard surface roads and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Swath Mowing T. Lauer moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission, in the amount of \$3,312.00, for swath mowing on all local roads and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Firefighter Annual Physicals

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Bio-Care, in the amount of \$8,950.00, for onsite annual firefighter physicals for 20 firefighters, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Fire Department Officer Promotion

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and promote John Shamley to the Sergeant 2 position of the Fire Department Officer Command effective March 4, 2024, supported by J. Endres Jr.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

RES 24-03-01 Appointing Township Noxious Weed Commissioner and Approve Fee Schedule for Weed Removal

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 24-03-01 to Appoint Noxious Weed Commissioner and Approve Fee Schedule for Weed Removal, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Thomas Eder

Nays: None MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Use of Fire Hall for Parks & Recreation Events

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the request of the Parks & Recreation Director and authorize use of the Fire Hall as an alternate rain location for the Music in the Park events to be held on June 14, 2024, July 19, 2024, August 16, 2024 and August 30, 2024, and to use the Fire Hall as the location for the Christmas Tree Lighting, Crafts and Photos with Santa event on December 1, 2024, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

3/4
Budget Amendment 23/24 #4 Meeting

Water/Sewer

Expenditures

 592-000-158.100
 Construction in Progress - ARPA
 (15,236)

 592-536-973
 Capital Outlay - Sewer System
 15,236

Interceptor Repairs by PCE are complete move from Construction in Progress to Capital Outlay

 592-000-699.101
 Transfer from General Fund
 (109,781)

 592-536-528
 Federal Grant - ARPA
 109,781

Move the amendment from October from Transfer to Grant

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Amendment 23/24~#4 for the Water / Sewer Fund, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Budget Revision 23/24 #5

Budget Revision 23/24 #5 3/4 meeting

General Fund

Revenues

 101-000-995.592
 Transfer to Water/Sewer Fund ARPA
 (109,781)

 101-000-528
 Federal Grant - ARPA
 123,000

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 13,219.00 Increase to the Revenues

Water/Sewer Fund

Revenues 592-536-665	Interest	5,000
592-537-637.100	Water Lateral Line Charge	10,000
592-537-646	Miscellaneous Charges	500
592-537-665	Interest	5,000
Expenditures		
592-536-806	Property Liability Insurance	40

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 20,460.00 Increase to the Revenues

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Revision 23/24 #5 for the General Fund and Water / Sewer Fund, supported by T. Lauer. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

FEBRUARY 2024 REPORTS:

Police Run Report
Building Department Permits
Code Enforcement
DPS Supervisor

- Two valve replacements completed; third in process;
- Projects in Township (1) engineering on loop from Meldrum/Arnold to 26 Mile Road to improve water quality and flow and (2) Zobl Court sewer and water lines need replacement;

Parks & Rec Director Reports

Fire Chief and Run Report

- 46 runs for February;
- Update on siren project;

Supervisor:

- Attended SCCRC meeting on 2/28/24;
- Update on ARPA funded projects and allocation of ARPA funding from Commissioner Rushing;
- Applying for Local Road Funding for Mayer Road work;

- Plan to attend 3/15/24 Community Foundation of St. Clair County meeting RE: Grants for Parks and Recreation; funding is available;
- Church Road from 26 Mile to M-29 will be reconstructed by the County in 2026;

Clerk:

- Update on number of voters for the February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary;
- Attending SCC Clerks meeting on March 14, 2024;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments;

Total for All Funds

All voting yes. Opposing: None

- Interest rates are holding; Township earned \$16,200 interest income;

DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$501,860.21 and supported by T. Lauer.

MOTION CARRIED

\$501,860.21

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$177,086.73
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$14,995.09
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$308,006.80
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$1,018.34
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$180.50
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$572.75

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack Fletcher (5177 Pointe Drive, East China) owns property on Arnold and County Line; very concerned about the placement of a warning siren on Arnold Road near his property. He, and other family members, inquired on criteria for placement of the sirens, why he was not notified prior to installation and requested the map showing where the sirens were to be placed.

Sara Potter (7945 Wagner Lane) provided a draft maintenance SAD proposal for Wagner Lane. Mrs. Potter will be providing more information on the maintenance proposal and also discussed easements from property owners on Wagner Lane.

Daniel McKeown (481 Sunset, Algonac) mother lives at 7903 Wagner Lane and he is very concerned about the condition of the road and safety for residents. His vehicle has been damaged by driving on Wagner Lane in its current condition.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of S. Ruhlman, to close the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk