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

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on March 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 Lauer, Jean Corbat and Stella Ruhlman. Board members absent: Thomas Eder

#### MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 2/6/2023 regular meeting, supported by T. Lauer. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED All voting yes.

## CORRESPONDENCE: None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Bethuy Road Investments 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 and authorize a one-year extension, from December 6, 2022 to December 6, 2023, for the Special Approval Land Use and Site Plan previously approved by the Board at its December 6, 2021 meeting. Prior to any future extensions, Bethuy Road Investments must provide an update and submit the items required by the Board at the time of the original approval.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

#### MOTION CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS:

Request to Relinquish Water and Sewer Taps - 7815 Shorkey S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the homeowner's request to relinquish the water and sewer taps for 7815 Shorkey, supported by T. Lauer. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges S. Ruhlman moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,444.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of February 2023, supported by J. Endres, Jr. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED All voting yes.

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Limestone Haul (Meldrum and Bouvier Bay Subdivision)

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission for limestone haul on Meldrum Road between Marine City Highway and Arnold Road and Bouvier Bay Subdivision in the amount of \$4,837.23 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Lauer. MOTION CARRIED

Opposing: None All voting yes.

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 \$40,564.00 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Lauer. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED All voting yes.

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New Computer Cashier Station S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Financial Clerk and approve the quote from Hi-Tech, in the amount of \$826.00, to purchase a computer for the cashier's station, supported by T. Lauer. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED All voting yes. Request for Sewer Relief - 8483 Dixie Highway T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and grant relief to the property owner at 8483 Dixie Highway by providing a credit in the amount of \$81.84 for the sewer portion of the utility charges, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED Proposal for Master Plan S. Ruhlman moved to approve the quote from Cassin Planning Group LLC, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to prepare a new fiveyear Master Plan, supported by J. Endres Jr. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED Mutual Aid Agreement with Clay Township Fire Department S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Clay Township Fire Department, supported by J. Endres Jr. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED Agreement RE Sale of Decommissioned Fire Department Vehicles S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and authorize the Supervisor to negotiate the sale of the decommissioned 1992 Mack Tanker and the 2003 E-1 Pumper, and to sign Agreements for the Sale of the Decommissioned Fire Department Vehicles, supported by T. Lauer. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED Fire Instruction I Class T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve Michael Sommers to attend Fire Instruction I Course, for the sum of \$375.00 plus books, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Pumper/Tanker Intercom System S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Setcom Corporation, in the amount of \$6,080.01, for radio intercom system for the new Pumper/Tanker, supported by J. Endres Jr. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED** 

Firefighter Annual Physicals
T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire
Chief and approve the quote from Bio-Care, in the amount of
\$8,850.00, for onsite annual firefighter physicals, supported
by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Location Change for May 2023 Meeting T. Lauer moved to approve the request of the Clerk and approve the location change for the May 1, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting to the Ira Township Fire Hall, due to a special election scheduled for May 2, 2023, supported S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**  Intra-Township Water Connection Grants

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Supervisor and approve the quote from Project Control Engineering, in the amount of \$900.00, to complete and submit three grant applications for the intra-township water connection with Clay Township, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

### **REPORTS**:

Police Run Report- February 2023 Building Department Permits - February 2023 Code Enforcement - February 2023 DPS Superintendent - February 2023

- Staff working on equipment and vehicle maintenance;
- Update on power outage at the Township;
- Attending meetings on Waste Water Authority;
- Parks & Rec Director's Reports February 2023
- Fire Chief's Report
  - Run Report 57 Runs in February;
  - Update on favorable ISO rating;

Supervisor:

- Intra-Township Water Connection with Clay Township;
- St. Clair County Metro Planning will be submitting an application for a \$5M grant for six and one-half miles of watermain along 26 Mile Road;
- Priority Health approved grant for fitness equipment for the Municipal Park;
- Sewer Authority Update; Next Zoom meeting set for March 16, 2023;
- Attending Supervisors' meeting on February 15, 2023; great meeting;
- Board of County Commissioners are in discussion for a \$17M investment for infrastructure improvements along 26 Mile Road; the Commissioners have asked the Township to submit a Resolution supporting this project; Township Board members agreed that the Supervisor prepare the Resolution on behalf of the Township;

### Clerk:

- Attending Clerks Association of St. Clair County meeting on March 23, 2023;

- Update on Special Election to be held on May 2, 2023; Treasurer:

- - Bank Balances as of February 28, 2023;

- Water / Sewer Adjustments - February 2023;

## Trustee Ruhlman:

- Update on broadband grant - working with Dave LaDuke;

### DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$652,269.75 and supported by T. Lauer. MOTION CARRIED All voting yes. Opposing: None

\$652,269.75

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Fund 101 General Government	\$59,078.9 <b>9</b>
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$56 <i>,</i> 073.29
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$535,984.14
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Fund 101 General Government	\$43.75
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$948.70
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$140.88

Total for All Funds

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

# ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of S. Ruhlman, to close the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jean Corbat, Clerk