

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 3, 2023**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on April 3, 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, Thomas Eder and Stella Ruhlman.

Board members absent: None

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 3/6/2023 regular and 3/14/23 and 3/28/2023 special meetings, supported by T. Eder.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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 \$3,174.00, 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**

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Shoulder Patch

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission, in the amount of \$2,650.00, for shoulder patch on local hard surface roads and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Eder.

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

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Chloride Applications

T. Lauer moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission, in the amount of \$25,630.56, 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**

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

T. Eder moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$988.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of March 2023, supported by J. Corbat.

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

Resolution 23-04-01 to Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court

T. Eder moved, on the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Director, to table this matter for more information, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Close Office on July 3, 2023

S. Ruhlman moved to close the Township office on Monday, July 3, 2023, supported by T. Eder.

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

Budget Revision 22/23 #5

Budget Revision 22/23 #5		4/3 Meeting
General Fund		
Expenditures		
Executive Activities		
101-173-957	Dues & Publications	500
101-173-960	Bank & Other Miscellaneous Charges	500
Assessing		
101-257-964.100	BOR/Tax Tribunal/Prior Year Refunds	2,000
Building Department		
101-371-715	Payroll Taxes	2,500
Library		
101-790-930	Land & Building Repairs	1,000

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 6,500.00 Increase to the Expenditures

Water/Sewer Fund		
Expenditures		
592-536-850	Communications - Telephone	1,200
592-536-821	Engineering Services	20,000

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 21,200.00 increase to the Expenditures

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Revision 22/23 #5 for the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, supported by T. Eder.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Amendment 22/23 #5

Budget Amendment 22/23 #5		4/3 Meeting
General Fund		
Expenditures		
Elections		
101-262-754	Office Supplies	(1,500)
101-262-818	Contractual Services	1,500
Parks & Recreation		
101-751-754	Office Supplies	100
101-751-818	Contractual Services	(100)
Fire Fund		
Expenditures		
206-000-970	Capital Outlay - Control	7,000
206-000-974.001	Capital Outlay - Grant	(7,000)
Water/Sewer Fund		
Revenues		
592-536-651.200	Ready to Serve - Sewer	130,000
592-536-698.200	Sewer Bond Recoveries	(130,000)
592-537-651.100	Ready to Serve - Water	200,000
592-537-698.100	Water Bond Recoveries	(200,000)

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Amendment 22/23 #5, as presented, for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, supported by T. Lauer.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

New Fire Equipment

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve his request to allocate \$8,000.00 to purchase new equipment for the new pumper / tanker truck, supported by T. Lauer.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Application RE: Temporary Uses - Special Events for Thundercats Property LLC

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Temporary Uses - Special Events Permit application for Thundercats Property LLC, for a Youth Sports Scholarships fundraiser scheduled for June 9, 2023 at 6129 County Line Road, conditioned upon the applicant providing the Township with a copy of its Liquor License Application, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

Police Run Report- March 2023

Building Department Permits - March 2023

Code Enforcement - March 2023

DPS Superintendent - March 2023

- Completed winter maintenance on vehicles;
- Update on Scada project;
- Township's annual tire collection is scheduled for June 10-11, 2023;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - March 2023

- Update on very successful Easter Egg Hunt event;
- Veterans Memorial event to be held on May 27, 2023 at the Municipal Park memorial site;

Fire Chief's Report presented by Assistant Chief Ken Littlejohn

- Thank you for approving the new hires;
- Update on status of new fire truck;

Supervisor:

- Award Recognition Ceremony to be held on April 20, 2023;

Clerk:

- Update on Special Election to be held on May 2, 2023;
- Recap of Clerks' Association Meeting held on March 23rd;
- Reminder that May 1, 2023 Board Meeting will be held at the Fire Hall;
- Township is hosting both the spring Clerks' Association of St. Clair County meeting and St. Clair County MTA meeting;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of March 30, 2023;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - March 2023;

Trustee Eder:

- Attended Ira Fire Department Annual Dinner great event;
- Thanked the Fire Department for the fine job they do in the Township;

Trustee Ruhlman:

- Easter Egg Hunt was a great event with over 400 people attending;
- Update on broadband grant - working with Dave LaDuke;

DISBURSEMENTS:

T. Lauer moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$440,805.38 and supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

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Fund 101 General Government	\$55,597.74
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$15,222.10
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$80,611.25
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Fund 101 General Government	\$2,231.05
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$285,603.30
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$1,539.94
Total for All Funds	\$440,805.38

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Isaac Joseph (7657 Lake Park Drive) addressed the Board that he is opposed to the 26 Mile Road Corridor project. He has talked with at least 12 residents who are also opposed. He is not opposed to progress but is opposed to the 26 Mile Road Corridor project.

Ed Ladebauche (7105 Meldrum Road) addressed the Board to advise that he has not talked with anyone in favor of the 26 Mile Road Corridor Project. No one wants an industrial corridor on 26 Mile Road.

Michelle Ruggirello (attorney with Kienbaum Hardy Viviano Pelton Forrest) appeared on behalf of client Gilbert Kohn. A Notice of Intent to File Petition was served on the Township along with a Petition and no response to the Petition has yet been filed. She requested a response from the Clerk.

Marie Cejmer (6101 Church Road) addressed the Board regarding large truck traffic on Church Road and all of the heavy equipment sounds near her home. Township ordinances are too vague and jake brake signs need to be installed on Church Road.

Tiffany Turke (4495 Indian Trail, China MI 48054) addressed the Board that she is also opposed to any industrial development along 26 Mile Road. No County ARPA funds should be used for this purpose.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of T. Eder, to close the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk