

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 24, 2023**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on May 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: James Endres Jr., Tom Eder, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat
Member Absent: Thomas Lauer

CORRESPONDENCE:

• VFW Algonac
Acknowledged and filed.

PUBLIC HEARING: *Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project Plan*

On the motion of T. Eder, supported by S. Ruhlman and carried by the Board, J. Endres Jr. called the Public Hearing to order at 10:03 a.m.

The purpose of this public hearing is to review the proposed 2024 Water System Improvements project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The purpose of the proposed project is the replacement of water mains to address aging pipes with structural issues and low pressure.

Lara F. Beyer outlined the scope of the project as follows:

Project construction will involve replacement of existing water pipes which will consist of several different activities:

- Placement of 14,090 linear feet of 8" diameter, PVC C909 pipe
- Placement of 4,748 linear feet of 12" diameter, PVC C909 pipe
- Placement of 925 linear feet of 8" diameter by directional drilling
- Installation of 6 - 12" gate valves
- Installation of 4-12"x8" tapping sleeve and valve
- Installation of 9 - 8" gate valves
- Installation of 48 standard hydrants
- Construction of 1 meter pit
- Incidental items to water main replacement such as soil erosion measures, traffic control, driveway replacement, culvert replacement, ditching, restoration, and landscape replacement

as well as connection to Clay's water system.

Ms. Beyer advised that the Township will be applying for a loan in the amount of \$4,434,354.00 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for this project. EGLE will review the application and supporting documents and depending on how the Township scores will determine whether the Township receives the loan. The estimated cost to users for the proposed project will be paid by projected revenue over the 30-year loan period with interest at the rate of 2.125%. If approved the project would start in October 2024 and complete in November 2026.

Public was present at the public hearing. No comments were made and T. Eder moved to close the public hearing at 10:07 a.m., supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 23-05-02 Adopting a Final Project Plan for Drinking Water System Improvements

J. Endres, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution 23-05-02 Adopting a Final Project Plan for Drinking Water System Improvements, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Thomas Lauer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

New Firewall

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Financial Clerk and approve the quote from Hi-Tech, in the amount of \$3,710.00, for a new firewall and service agreement with Sophos, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Water Plant Operations

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and authorize staffing the Water Plant for 16 hours a day starting June 3, 2023, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

23/24 Budget Hearing/Special Meeting

T. Eder moved to set the 23/24 budget hearing for June 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. with a special meeting to follow the hearing, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Budget Revision 22/23 #6

Budget Revision 22/23 #6		5/24 Meeting
General Fund		
Expenditures		
Supervisor		
101-171-956	Seminars/Workshops/Training	100
Executive Activities		
101-173-818	Contractual Services	500
101-173-818.001	Contractual Services - Computers	8,000
101-173-880	Community Promotion	600
101-173-956	Seminars/Workshops/Training	100
101-173-970	Capital Outlay	3,800 firewall
Treasurer		
101-253-818.001	Contractual Services - Computers	100
Township Offices		
101-265-920	Electric	1,000
Building Department		
101-371-801	Professional & Contractual Services - Legal	4,000
101-371-832	Building Inspector	2,000
101-371-833	Plumbing Inspector	5,000
101-371-834	Mechanical Inspector	5,000
101-371-835	Electrical Inspector	5,000
Library		
101-790-850	Communications - Telephone	400

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 35,600.00 Increase to the Expenditures

Sewer

Expenditures

592-536-755	Supplies - Cleaning & Paper	200
592-536-756	Supplies - Tools & Hardware	1,000
592-536-900	Printing/Publishing	200
592-536-956	Seminars/Workshops/Training	200

Water

Expenditures

592-537-755	Supplies - Cleaning & Paper	200
592-537-760.100	Water Repair Supplies	10,000
592-537-818.001	Contractual Services - Computers	2,000

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 13,800.00 increase to the Expenditures

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Revision 22/23 #6 for the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, supported by T. Eder.

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

Land Division / Combination / Line Adjustment Application; Parcel IDs 74-23-130-0012-001 and 74-23-006-1003-000 (WGS Properties LC and Power Play Investments)

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Land Division / Combination / Line Adjustment Application of WGS Properties, LC and Power Play Investments, as presented, and in conjunction therewith, the Declaration of Perpetual Sanitary Sewer Easement will be recorded at closing and provided to the Township, supported by T. Eder.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss and on the motion of T. Eder supported by S. Ruhlman the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk