MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE 5, 2023

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on June 5, 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 Eder, Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat.

Board members absent: None

Also Present: Christine Anderson, Township Attorney

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 5/1/2023 regular and 5/24/23 special meetings, supported by T. Eder. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- SEMCO Energy MPSC Hearing Notice
- Consumers Energy Site Maintenance

Acknowledged and filed

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Margaret Zech (Greenbrook Farm) PC#22-439 Site Plan (74-23-012-4001-000)

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Site Plan, as presented, for Margaret Zech (Greenbrook Farm), supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

MTA Annual Dues

T. Eder moved to approve 2023-24 MTA Dues in the amount of \$5,628.42, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Appointments to Parks and Recreation Commission

J. Endres Jr. moved to reappoint James Alexie and Laura Prater to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending June 30, 2025, and to reappoint Julia Aker to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$1,064.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of May 2023, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Air Compressor Repair

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the quote from Compressor World, in the amount of \$4,019.46, to purchase a compressor head and motor, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Water Plant, DPW Garage and Library Gutters

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the quote from Preferred Seamless Gutters, in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00, to replace gutters on the Water Plant, DPW Garage and Library, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Outdoor Warning Sirens

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from West Shore Services, Inc., in the amount of \$108,800.00, to replace an existing siren and purchase three (3) additional sirens per the Master Plan for outdoor warning sirens within the Township, and to allocate the use of ARPA funds for this purchase, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Training Facility Container

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from More Space Containers LLC, in the amount of \$2,850.00, to purchase a twenty (20) foot storage container for the training facility building, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Officer Resignation

T. Lauer moved to accept Captain Mike Matyniak's request to resign as an officer but remain as a firefighter for the Fire Department, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Firefighter Resignation

T. Eder moved to accept the resignation letter of Jacob Piper to resign as a firefighter for the Fire Department, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Budget Revision 22/23 #7

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General Fund

Expenditures Streetlights

101-448-926 Streetlights 2,000

Net effect on budget will be a $\$ 2,000.00 Increase to the Expenditures

Water/Sewer Fund

592-537-850 Communications - Telephone 200

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 200 increase to the Expenditures

T. Lauer moved to approve Budget Revision 22/23 #7 for the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

Investing Funds

T. Lauer moved to authorize the Treasurer to move funds currently held in accounts ending in 4335 and 4348 and invest in a Mutual Funds Money Market with Huntington Bank, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS .

Police Run Report- May 2023 Building Department Permits - May 2023 Code Enforcement - May 2023

DPS Superintendent - May 2023

- Water consumption up due to dry weather;
- Reminder that Township is hosting its annual clean-up on June 10th and 11th sponsored by MGM Dumpsters and ML Chartier. Event includes tire collection, clean-up of general items and will now include collection of paint and other household hazardous waste;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - May 2023

- Lights have been turned off in the park pavilion to avoid fishfly issues;
- Phragmites update;
- Working on 2023 Millage Distribution;
- Received donation for archery equipment; program to start in June;

Assistant Fire Chief's Report - May 2023

- New engine is in service and training continues;
- Thank you to J. Endres Jr. and T. Lauer for attending the memorial;

Supervisor:

- Delivered to the Board draft documents for the Waste Water Treatment Authority which will be finalized on September 1, 2023; Special meeting to be scheduled in July;
- C. Hiltunen attended a recent meeting on the Authority;
- Meeting with Project Control Engineering and Jeff Boehm on June 7, 2023, to review engineering for 26 Mile Road;
- Clarified grant application was for \$50,000 for a study on the condition of the Waste Water Treatment Plant;

Clerk:

- Thank you to Parks and Recreation Director C. Babisz for coordinating the Replace Grief with Awe Ceremony held on May 27, 2023 at the Veterans Memorial in the Municipal Park. It was a very moving and amazing event and the Township was well represented by Trustee Tom Eder and Fireman John Shamley. Thank you to our DPS for having the park look so great for the event;
- Township is hosting the Clerks Association of St. Clair County meeting on June 8th at the Island Grill;
- Reminder that the next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of May 31, 2023;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments May 2023;
- Attended meeting with representatives of Huntington Bank regarding investing funds;

Trustee Eder:

- Great effort went into the Veterans Memorial Service held on May 27, 2023; Shout out to Algonac VFW Post 3901 and Boy Scout Troop 252 for all their work to make this an excellent event;

DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$507,732.27 and supported by T. Lauer. All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

63,351.41
20,564.93
87,867.26
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\$2,398.85 Fund 101 General Government Fund 206 Fire Fund \$331,057.73 Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund \$2,492.09

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:41 p.m. J. Endres Jr., moved to enter into closed session to consult with legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation being *Committee to Preserve Ira Township*, *Victoria Ann Tiedt*, *Alicia Hutson and Dana Tucker v Ira Township*, St. Clair County Circuit Court Case No. 23-000717 AW, pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), supported by T. Eder, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote of the members.

At 8:18 p.m. on the motion of T. Lauer, the Board approved the minutes of the closed session and returned to open session, supported by S. Ruhlman.

MOTION CARRIED

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Pending Litigation

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the attorney's recommendation to negotiate to resolve this issue, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of T. Eder, to close the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respe	ectfully	Submitted,	
Jean	Corbat,	Clerk	