

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AUGUST 7, 2023**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on August 7, 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 and Jean Corbat.

Board members absent: Stella Ruhlman

**MINUTES:**

T. Lauer moved to approve the minutes of the 7/5/2023 regular and 7/11/23 and 7/20/23 special meetings, supported by T. Eder.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- SEMCO Energy

Acknowledged and filed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Waste Water Treatment Authority

J. Endres Jr. moved to table this matter pending receipt of the final agreements for Board review, supported by J. Corbat.

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

Second Extension RE Approved Amended Site Plan MGM Dumpsters (Case #20-420)

T. Eder moved to approve the request of MGM Dumpsters for a second extension, from March 8, 2022 to November 1, 2023, of the Amended Site Plan approved by the Board of Trustees at its September 8, 2020 meeting; this extension is for the current approved Amended Site Plan only and any revisions to that plan must be submitted to the Ira Township Planning Commission for consideration, supported by T. Lauer.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Request for Water/Sewer Relief (7770 Vernier Lane)

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and grant relief to the property owner/tenant at 7770 Vernier Lane by providing a credit in the amount of \$115.00 for the sewer portion of the water/sewer bill in excess of normal usage in July 2022, supported by T. Eder.

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

Request for Sewer Relief (6024 Corporate Drive)

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and grant relief to the property owner at 6024 Corporate Drive by providing a credit in the amount of \$639.84 for the sewer portion of the water/sewer bill in excess of normal usage from April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, supported by T. Eder.

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

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

T. Eder moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,520.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of July 2023, supported by T. Lauer.

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

RES 23-08-01 Adopting a Revised Water & Sewer Department Fee Schedule

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 23-08-01 Adopting a Revised Water & Sewer Department Fee Schedule, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Stella Ruhlman

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Reschedule September Meeting Date

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and reschedule the Board of Trustees September meeting date from September 4, 2023 to September 6, 2023, supported by J. Corbat.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

2023 Holiday Hours

T. Eder moved to set holiday hours presented as follows: office closed December 25, 2023, December 26, 2023, December 28, 2023, January 1, 2024 and January 2, 2024. The office will be open December 27, 2023 and return to regular hours January 3, 2024. Employees may use vacation, personal or sick time, if available, for any unpaid holidays, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Water Plant Employee

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and move Zack Randall from probationary status to full time employee retroactive to May 20, 2023, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Fire Hall as Alternate Location

T. Lauer moved to accept the request of the Parks and Recreation Director and approve the use of the Fire Hall as an alternate location for the MI Conservation Stewards Program, to be held October 11, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., supported by J. Corbat.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Fund Investments

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the Treasurer and approve investing in two brokerage accounts with Huntington Bank. The amount of One Million Dollars from each account would be used to purchase laddered Treasury bonds with guaranteed interest if held to maturity, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Salt Spreader

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from STE, in the amount of \$6,773.47, to purchase a Boss VBX6500 Salt Spreader, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mini Excavator and Trailer

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from AIS Construction Equipment, in the amount of \$128,627.68, to purchase a new Deere Model 60P Mini Excavator equipped as presented and a new Felling Model FT16 IT-I trailer, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes.

Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Engineering Services RE Interceptor Lining Project

T. Lauer moved to approve the quote of Project Control Engineering, Inc., for engineering services in the amount of \$94,545.00, as the Township's share of the engineering costs for the Clay/Ira Interceptor Lining project, supported by J. Corbat.

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

Rescind Board Policy

J. Endres Jr. moved to rescind the Board Policy, Taping of Meetings, originally adopted July 21, 2003, supported by T. Eder.

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

SEMCOG Annual Membership Dues

T. Eder moved to approve payment of the SEMCOG 2023 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$1,354.00, supported by T. Lauer.

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

GPS Marking Device

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve a quote from Silversmith Data, in the amount of \$2,700.00, to purchase a GPS Marking Device used in conjunction with the Township's Silversmith GIS software, supported by T. Eder.

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

Fire Station Use

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve use of the Fire Hall by the Ira Township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary to host a Pancake Breakfast on October 22, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, supported by T. Eder.

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

Rotary Brush Cutter for Mini Excavator

T. Lauer moved to approve the purchase, from AIS Construction Equipment in the amount of \$12,200.00, of a Rotary Brush Cutter attachment for the Mini Excavator, supported by T. Eder.

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

Library Tree

T. Lauer moved to authorize the Department of Public Services to proceed with removal and, if possible, rehabilitation of the Owl Carving on the Library Owl Tree, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

**REPORTS:**

Police Run Report- July 2023

Building Department Permits - July 2023

Code Enforcement - July 2023

DPS

- Update on electrical and heating and cooling repairs at the Water Department;
- Thank you for supporting the DPS department;
- Library Owl Tree;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - July 2023

- County Crew here all last weekend;
- Music in the Park last Friday and again this Friday;
- Update on Archery program;
- Dogtoberfest to be held October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. More information to follow;

Fire Chief Run Reports - June 2023 and July 2023

- Runs on track with last year's numbers;
- Women's Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast;

Supervisor:

- Rotary Brush Cutter attachment would be very useful;
- Kappen Tree Service will be working on clearing park area on Short Cut Road and other areas;
- Considering the invitation received to join the Board of Directors of St. Clair County EDA;

Clerk:

- Attended Music in the Park on August 4<sup>th</sup> - it was a great event; Thank you to everyone who put this together;
- Office is reviewing and updating Board Policies;
- Township is hosting SCCMTA meeting on September 21, 2023 at the Township Hall;
- Anchor Bay Schools is holding a special election in November;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of August 1, 2023;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - July 2023;
- Building Department Adjustments - July 2023;

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

T. Eder moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$271,853.30 and supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes.           Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

<b>Reg</b>	
<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$82,354.44</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$49,586.96</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$135,947.20</b>
<b>ACH</b>	
<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$863.36</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$1,958.92</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$1,142.42</b>
<b>Total for All Funds</b>	<b>\$271,853.30</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of T. Lauer, to close the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jean Corbat, Clerk