

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 4, 2021**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on October 4, 2021 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, Thomas Eder and Jean Corbat  
Absent: None

**MINUTES:**

T. Lauer moved to approve the minutes of the 9/7/2021 regular meeting as presented and the 9/22/21 special meeting striking the last sentence in the Workshop RE: Wastewater Treatment Plan section, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- EGLE RE: Permit 7577 Dyke Road
  - SEMCO General Assembly
- Acknowledged

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Lock Er Up Storage PC#20-425 Site Plan Revision RE: Fencing  
J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve an amendment to the Site Plan substituting steel decorative fences as submitted in the revised Site Plan dated August 23, 2021, supported by T. Lauer.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

RES 21-10-01 - 2023 Large Culvert Replacement Program RE: Arnold Road

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 21-10-01 2023 Large Culvert Replacement Program RE: Arnold Road, supported by J. Corbat.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes:           James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer, and Jean Corbat  
Nays:           None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Parks and Recreation Commission Amended By-Laws  
T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and approve the amended By-Laws for the Parks and Recreation Commission, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges  
J. Corbat 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 September 2021, supported by T. Lauer.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Appointment  
J. Endres Jr. moved to appoint Stella Ruhlman as Trustee of the Township to fill the vacancy of James Jacob who resigned on September 20, 2021, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Late Fees Waiver Request (9397 Dixie Highway)  
T. Lauer moved to table this matter for review by the DPS Supervisor, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                   Opposing: None                   **MOTION CARRIED**

Streaming Current Monitor

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Supervisor and approve the purchase from Chemtrac of a HydroACT 2 with DuraTrac 3 (Streaming Current)for the Water Treatment Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$8,900.00, supported by J. Corbat.

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

Meter Purchase

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Supervisor and approve the purchase of water meters from Kamstrup, in an amount not to exceed \$11,197.15, supported by J. Corbat.

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

Waterworth Software and Professional Services

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Supervisor and approve the purchase of Software and one year of Professional Services, from Waterworth, in the amount of \$7,485.00, supported by T. Eder.

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

Appointment of Board Liaison to Board of Zoning Appeals

J. Endres Jr. moved to appoint Jean Corbat as the Board Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals, supported by T. Lauer.

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

New Member Fire Department

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and appoint Holly Graham as a contingent firefighter, supported by T. Eder.

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

Sewer Supplies

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Supervisor and approve the purchase from Kennedy Industries of sewer supplies to upgrade three lift stations in an amount not to exceed of \$28,790.00, supported by J. Corbat.

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

**REPORTS:**

- Police Run Report- September 2021
- Building Department Permits - September 2021
- Code Enforcement - September 2021
- DPS

- Update on Fire and Water Department parking lot paving project;
- Update on sewer system in lieu of recent rain event;
- Meeting scheduled with County RE: issues at main Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- Update on final payment to contractor RE overages for Long Island Court water line, stop box and fire hydrant replacement project;

Parks & Rec Director's Report - September 2021

- Master Plan review on schedule; Survey on website;
- County Crew scheduled for next three weeks to work on trails;
- Transiting from summer to fall programs;
- New Little Library donated by Girl Scout Troop placed in Municipal Park;

Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap and Report:

- 67 calls last month;
- Bids for fire apparatus due October 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Fire Department;
- Working on quote for new LED sign;

Supervisor:

- Bill Hazelton of St. Clair County Road Commission provided update on Long Island Court Paving project - expects to be completed this year; Peter Meier updated on project;
- Status on Arnold Road bridge replacements and Township's failure to score high enough for approval;

Clerk:

- Attended St. Clair County Clerk's Association meeting; likely no change in redistricting for County Commissioner;
- Attended St. Clair County MTA meeting in Grant Township; Ken Cummings of Tri-Hospital EMS guest speaker;
- Update on ZBA actions;
- Status on 2021 Fall Newsletter;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of September 29, 2021;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - September 2021;
- Looking at financing for future fire truck purchases;
- Recommends Board sends letter to St. Clair County Board of Commissioners in support of Ambulance Service Millage;
- Update on pending legislation RE: Designated County Assessor;

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

J. Endres Jr. moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$162,359.42 and supported by J. Corbat.  
 All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

<b>Reg</b>	
<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$63,399.03</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$42,347.25</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$56,388.95</b>
<b>ACH</b>	
<b>Fund 101 General Government</b>	<b>\$122.19</b>
<b>Fund 206 Fire Fund</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
<b>Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>
<b>Total for All Funds</b>	<b>\$162,359.42</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Sexton (7577 Palms) inquired on noise regulations for Township as Fraternal Order of Eagles sound wall is pointed directly at his house - would like some action taken for next summer; Also inquired on construction across the street and potential flooding/drainage issues; Also commented that he had no power loss this summer;

Tom Kott (8459 Jordan) requested status of sidewalk replacement on Samantha in lieu of watermain repairs;

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of T. Eder, to close the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jean Corbat, Clerk