

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on November 1, 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 Stella Ruhlman.

Absent: Jean Corbat

Also Present: Recording Secretary Jane Mount, Deputy Clerk

MINUTES:

T. Lauer moved to approve the minutes of the 10/4/2021 regular and the 10/14/21 special meetings, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER:

Supervisor Endres welcomed and thanked St. Clair County Commissioner David Rushing for attending the meeting. Commissioner Rushing addressed the Township Board to advise that each county commissioner has been allocated \$500,000.00 to assist its represented municipalities to offset expenses. The funds to be allocated will be used for infrastructure improvements. A Letter of Intent will be required from each municipality by the second week of December 2021 outlining proposed projects under consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Late Fees Waiver Request (9397 Dixie Highway)

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve waiver of the late fees, in the amount of \$81.45, for property located at 9797 Dixie Highway, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Contracts with Spencer Manufacturing Inc., RE Fire Department Apparatus Acquisition

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the contract with Spencer Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount of \$982,239.00, for the purchase of an Initial Attack Apparatus in the amount of \$331,798.00 and purchase of a Pumper Tanker in the amount of \$650,441.00, which amounts may be amended upon completion of final specifications, pending attorney review and approval of the contracts and specifications, and that the Supervisor be authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Health Care Rate Increase

T. Lauer moved to approve payment of the increase in health insurance premiums for covered employees from \$1,059.80 per month to \$1,239.00 per month, effective February 1, 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

School Choice Week Proclamation

T. Eder moved to adopt a proclamation recognizing January 23-29, 2022 as Ira Township School of Choice Week, supported by T. Lauer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Jean Corbat

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

T. Eder moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,368.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of October 2021, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison Appointment

T. Lauer moved to table this matter to a future meeting, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Special Meeting for Review of Audit

J. Endres Jr. moved to schedule a special meeting on December 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to review the audit with the Township's Accounting Firm, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

2022 Township Meeting Calendar

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and approve the 2022 Township Meeting Calendar, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Savings Plan and Stipend Payouts

T. Lauer moved to approve the payout of the 2021 Savings Plan the week of November 15, 2021 and stipends the week of December 6, 2020, for participating employees, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

RES 21-11-01 Delinquent Water / Sewer Utility Billing Charges to 2021 Winter Tax Roll

J. Endres Jr. moved to adopt Resolution 21-11-01 to Add Delinquent Utility Bills totaling \$85,809.45 to 2021 Winter Tax Roll, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Jean Corbat

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

RES 21-11-02 Delinquent Garbage Charges to 2021 Winter Tax Roll

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 21-11-02 to Add Delinquent Garbage Bills totaling \$67,419.12 to 2021 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Jean Corbat

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

RES 21-11-03 Delinquent Sewer Lateral Line Charges to 2021 Winter Tax Roll

J. Endres Jr. moved to adopt Resolution 21-11-03 to Add Delinquent Sewer Lateral Line charges, costs and interest totaling \$1,444.29 to 2021 Winter Tax Roll, supported by T. Lauer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Jean Corbat

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

RES 21-11-04 Delinquent Water Lateral Line Charges to 2021 Winter Tax Roll

J. Endres Jr. moved to adopt Resolution 21-11-04 to Add Delinquent Water Lateral Line charges, costs and interest totaling \$5,839.68 to 2021 Winter Tax Roll, supported by T. Lauer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Jean Corbat

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

RES 21-11-05 Delinquent Invoices to 2021 Winter Tax Roll

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 21-11-05 to Add Delinquent Invoices totaling \$2,332.00 to 2021 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Jean Corbat

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Financing for Fire Department Apparatus Acquisition

T. Lauer moved to recommend Huntington Bank to finance \$600,000.00 for the Fire Department Apparatus Acquisition, for a term of seven (7) years and as outlined on the debt service schedule, supported by J. Endres Jr.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Waiver of Additional Bond Charge (7941 Wagner Lane)

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve waiver of one (1) bond charge for the property located at 7941 Wagner Lane as the property is now designated as single-family residential instead of two-unit building, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Budget Revision 21/22 #1

Budget Revision 21/22 #1		11/1 Meeting
General Fund		
Inspection		
101-371-717	Defined Benefit Pension Plan	30,400
101-371-718	Health Insurance Premiums	14,000
101-371-818.001	Contractual Services - Computers	800
Net effect on budget will be a \$ 45,200.00 increase to the expenses		
Fire Fund		
206-000-751	Fire Prevention Materials	115
206-000-765	Emergency Supplies - Medical	1,000
Net effect on budget will be a \$ 1,115.00 increase to the expenses		

T. Lauer moved to approve Budget Revision 21/22 #1 for the General Fund and Fire Fund, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Budget Amendment 21/22 #1

Budget Amendment 21/22 #1		11/1 Meeting
General Fund		
Parks & Recreation		
101-751-818.002	Contractual Services P&R Program Fees	3,000
101-751-970	Capital Outlay - Control	(3,000)
Water/Sewer Fund		
592-537-758	Diesel Fuel	1,000
592-537-760.100	Water Repair Supplies	(1,000)

T. Eder moved to approve Budget Amendment 21/22 #1 for the General Fund and Water / Sewer Fund, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Plante Moran Professional Service Agreement RE: Waterworth
T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the Plante Moran Professional Service Agreement RE Waterworth, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Fire Department LED Sign
T. Eder moved to deny the request for the Fire Department LED Sign, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

2021 MABAS Agreement
T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the St. Clair County MABAS Division #3207 Amendment Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement and authorize the Supervisor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

New Member Fire Department
T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and appoint a part time on-call firefighter, supported by J. Endres Jr. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Water Plant Fire System
J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the Professional Services Agreement with Fishbeck, in the amount of \$2,600.00, for replacement of the two (2) fire protection systems currently installed at the Water Treatment Plant, supported by S. Ruhlman. All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

Police Run Report- October 2021

Building Department Permits - October 2021

Code Enforcement - October 2021

DPS

- Update provided on ongoing projects;
- Landscaping if weather permits;
- Meeting scheduled with PCE for rate study and ordinance amendment;

Parks & Rec Director's Report - October 2021

- Trick or Treat on the Trails event went well;
- Last week for Surveys RE Master Plan;
- Status of Christmas décor and DTE;
- Archery program under consideration;

Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap and Report:

- 82 calls last month;
- All AFG grants denied;
- Update on Cintas service charges; looking at other options;

Supervisor:

- Update on Long Island Court Paving project;
- Update 2022 Local Road Funding and Palms / Broadbridge Road work;
- Windows and alarms fixed;
- Update on M-29 Project in 2025;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of October 27, 2021;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - October 2021;
- Building Department Adjustments - October 2021;
- Received Revenue Sharing Check in the amount of \$94,047.00;
- VariPro contract reviewed and renewed;

Trustee Eder:

- Would like to see yearly report from Clay Township Police outlining costs and related information;

DISBURSEMENTS:

T. Lauer moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$121,116.75 and supported by T. Eder.

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

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$50,097.42
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$10,406.95
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$57,464.82
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$1,259.17
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$928.59
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$959.80
Total for All Funds	\$121,116.75

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marty Ullincy of MGM Containers (9571 Marine City Highway) asked why no road work performed on Marine City Highway at County Line when Macomb County upgraded its area. Supervisor advised that all work was initiated by Macomb County with no St. Clair County involvement. St. Clair County is looking at other avenues for Marine City Highway from County Line to King Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of T. Eder, to close the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Mount, Deputy Clerk