

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 2, 2022**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on November 2, 2022 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 and Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat.

Board members absent: None

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 10/3/2022 regular meeting, supported by J. Corbat.

Voting Yes: Endres, Ruhlman and Corbat.

Abstaining: Eder and Lauer

Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Marine City Highway Corridor Plan Public Open House;
- SEMCO Energy Hearing;

Acknowledged and filed

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire and Water Department Paving Contractor's Application for Payment - Final

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer and approve the final payment to Raymond Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$28,035.89, for the Fire and Water Department Paving Project, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Tri-Hospital EMS

T. Lauer moved to approve the First Amendment to Ambulance Services Agreement between Township of Ira and Tri-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Corporation and authorize the Supervisor to sign on behalf of the Township, 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 \$1,976.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of October 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Catch Basin Repair and Replace Driveway - Samantha Lane

T. Lauer moved to approve and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign an Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission to remove and repair a section of concrete driveway, repair catch basin and replace driveway at 8401 Samantha Lane, for the sum of \$6,525.00, supported T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Cross Road Culvert Replacement - St. Clair Avenue

T. Lauer moved to approve and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign an Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission to replace the crossroad culvert on St. Clair Avenue at Meldrum Road, for the sum of \$9,334.00, supported S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Cybersecurity - Sophos XDR

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Financial Clerk and approve the installation of Sophos XDR Security by Hi-Tech System Services, for the sum of \$36.00 per month, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Amazon Prime Membership

T. Lauer moved to the recommendation of the Financial Clerk and approve an Amazon Prime Membership for the Township, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

RES 22-11-01 Delinquent Water / Sewer Utility Billing Charges to 2022 Winter Tax Roll

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 22-11-01 to Add Delinquent Utility Bills totaling \$62,626.00 to 2022 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 22-11-02 Delinquent Garbage Charges to 2022 Winter Tax Roll

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 22-11-02 to Add Delinquent Garbage Bills totaling \$80,038.37 to 2022 Winter Tax Roll, supported by J. Endres Jr.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 22-11-03 Delinquent Sewer Lateral Line Charges to 2022 Winter Tax Roll

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 22-11-03 to Add Delinquent Sewer Lateral Line charges, costs and interest totaling \$780.76 to 2022 Winter Tax Roll, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 22-11-04 Delinquent Water Lateral Line Charges to 2022 Winter Tax Roll

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 22-11-04 to Add Delinquent Water Lateral Line charges, costs and interest totaling \$6,522.99 to 2022 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 22-11-05 Delinquent Invoices to 2022 Winter Tax Roll

S. Ruhlman moved to adopt Resolution 22-11-05 to Add Delinquent Invoices totaling \$2,702.98 to 2022 Winter Tax Roll, supported by T. Eder.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RES 22-11-06 Delinquent Long Island Court Special Assessment
District Invoices to 2022 Winter Tax Roll

T. Eder moved to adopt Resolution 22-11-06 to Add Delinquent Long Island Court Special Assessment District Invoices totaling \$2,404.00 to 2022 Winter Tax Roll, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

2023 Township Meeting Calendar and Reschedule January 2023 Meeting

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and approve the 2023 Township Meeting Calendar and reschedule the regular January 2023 Board meeting from January 2, 2023 to January 4, 2023, 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 2022 Savings Plan the week of November 14, 2022 and stipends the week of December 5, 2022, for participating employees, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Schedule 2022 Audit Meeting

S. Ruhlman moved to schedule a special meeting on December 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to review the audit with the Township's Accounting Firm, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Appointment to Parks and Recreation Commission

J. Endres Jr., supported by S. Ruhlman, moved to appoint Wendy Tobin to the Parks and Recreation Commission to complete the term of Mary Beth Meinke ending June 30, 2024.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Firefighter

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and hire Tony Spina as a paid-on call firefighter, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Hi-Tech Time Block

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Financial Clerk and purchase a 50 Hour Time Block from Hi-Tech Systems Services, for the sum of \$6,260.00, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Helman Park LLC

T. Lauer moved to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate terms with Helman Park, LLC, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

Police Run Report- October 2022

Building Department Permits - October 2022

Code Enforcement - October 2022

DPS Superintendent - October 2022

- Water Tower power washing complete;
- Update on installation of heating system at Water Plant;
- Update on installation of new boilers and piping at Water Plant;
- Update on installation of cooling system at Water Plant;
- All Fire Hydrants have been winterized;
- Will provide update on signs for library and fire hall;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - October 2022

- Great Trick and Treat event with approximately 326 attending;
- Update on programs;
- Working on holiday ornaments;
- Thank you to all the great volunteers;

Fire Chief's Report

- 74 runs in October well over last year's count;
- Update on new fire truck;

Supervisor:

- Waste Water Treatment Authority update;
- Discussion on Gendelman property;
- Update on Broadbridge Road work status;
- Update on County clean up on Swan Creek by S curve;
- Update on Retirement;

Clerk:

- Preparing for State General Election;
- Update on AV ballots issue and returned to date;
- Upon on MTA seminar attended by Deputy Clerk;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of October 31, 2022;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - October 2022;

Trustee Eder:

- Great workshop yesterday on sanitary sewer issues;

Trustee Ruhlman:

- Update on working with Dave LaDuke and broadband installation;

DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$280,197.44 and supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$83,887.05
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$52,045.10
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$45,951.03
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$1,017.42
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$94,403.89
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$2,036.61
Add on	
NetExpress	\$856.34
Total for All Funds	\$280,197.44

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of T. Eder, to close the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk