

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 7, 2022**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on March 7, 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, Thomas Lauer, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat.

MINUTES:

T. Lauer moved to approve the minutes of the 2/7/2022 regular and 2/15/22 special meetings, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Tri-Hospital EMS 2021 4th Quarter Newsletter
 - State of the County Invitation from Nickel & Saph
 - St. Clair County Board of Commissioners RE: ARPA Funds
 - Fishbeck RE: Ira Township HVAC Replacement
- Acknowledged and filed

OLD BUSINESS:

Arbor Professional Solutions RE: Jovanovic

T. Lauer moved to authorize Arbor Professional Solutions to proceed with collection of the outstanding fire rescue invoice RE: Jovanovic, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

NearMap Subscription

S. Ruhlman moved to deny the request of the Clerk for a NearMap subscription, supported by T. Lauer.
Ayes: James Endres Jr., Thomas Eder, Thomas Lauer and Stella Ruhlman
Nays: Jean Corbat

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance #127 - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Rezone Part of 74-23-460-0011-000

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance #127 to rezone part of Parcel Identification Number 74-23-460-0011-000 from AEC - Agriculture Estates Conservation to I-2 Heavy Industrial, supported by S. Ruhlman.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Endres Jr., T. Lauer, T. Eder, S. Ruhlman and J. Corbat
Nays: 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 February 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Code Enforcement RE: 7750 Dixie Highway

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer and proceed to litigation RE: 7750 Dixie Highway, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Vehicle Intercom System

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Setcom Corporation for radio intercom system for the Airboat and Mini-Pumper, in the amount of \$7,770.00, plus shipping, supported by T. Eder.

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

Firefighter Physicals

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Bio-Care, in the amount of \$8,350.00, for onsite annual firefighter physicals, supported by T. Lauer.

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

Turnout Gear

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Dingesfire Company, for a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00, to purchase turnout gear, supported by T. Lauer.

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

New Member Contingent Fire Department

J. Endres Jr. moved to table this matter as requested by the Fire Chief, supported by T. Eder.

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

Firefighter Probation Status

J. Endres Jr. moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and move Firefighters Holly Graham and Mike Holt to probationary status which will move their run pay to member status, supported by S. Ruhlman.

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

Fire Department Liaison

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and appoint Steve Vissotski to the Liaison position, supported by J. Endres Jr.

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

RES 22-03-01 for Charitable Gaming Licenses for Anchor Bay High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Booster Club of Fair Haven

T. Lauer moved to adopt Resolution 22-03-01 for Charitable Gaming Licenses for Anchor Bay High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Booster Club, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED**

DPS Water Plant Operator

J. Endres Jr. accepted the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve hiring Mason Ruhlman to the position of DPS Water Plant Operator, supported by T. Eder.

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

Abstain: Stella Ruhlman

Nays: None **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

- Police Run Report- February 2022
- Building Department Permits - February 2022
- Code Enforcement - February 2022
- DPS Superintendent - February 2022:

- Update on Fishbeck letter RE: HVAC Replacement and status of evaluation of current system;

- Update on Rate Study and meetings with Plante Moran
 - Reviewed letter from St. Clair County Department of Public Works RE Wastewater Treatment facility;
- Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap - February 2022
- 63 calls in February;
 - Equipment installed on new Mini Pumper can be in service;
 - Reviewed letter from Spencer Manufacturing, Inc., regarding a commodity surcharge by Spartan Fire Chassis for the new fire truck;
- Supervisor:
- Attended pre-conference meeting RE: VIP Logistics;
 - Update on Road Commission's Annual Meeting via Zoom;
 - Update on negotiations with Union for new employee;
- Clerk:
- Attending Clerks' Association luncheon on March 10, 2022 in Port Huron;
- Treasurer:
- Bank Balances as of February 28, 2022;
 - Water / Sewer Adjustments - February 2022;
 - Building Permit Refunds - February 2022
 - Attended Zoom meeting hosted by Wade Trim RE: 26 Mile Road Corridor Study;
 - Increase in Revenue Sharing Check;
 - Increase in funding from State of Michigan for Liquor License inspections;
 - Letters sent to property owners for the Long Island Court Special Assessment Roll outlining per unit cost;
 - Update on library improvements including preservation of the tree carving;
- Trustee Eder:
- Glad about code enforcement at 7750 Dixie;
 - Inquired on status of issuing tickets by code enforcement officer;
- Trustee Ruhlman:
- Update on Parks & Recreation events in March and April;

DISBURSEMENTS:

J. Endres Jr. moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$491,380.00 and supported by S. Ruhlman.
 All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$64,401.41
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$52,736.25
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$373,718.14
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$388.20
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$25.50
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$110.50
Total for All Funds	\$491,380.00

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 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk