

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APRIL 4, 2022**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on April 4, 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. Eder moved to approve the minutes of the 3/7/2022 regular and 3/22/22, 3/24/22 and 3/30/22 special meetings, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- EGLE Permit RE 9237 Dixie Highway (additional)
- St. Clair County Treasurer RE 2021 Tax Year Settlement
- St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning RE Master Plan Update
- MPDG Grant Opportunity
- EGLE RE: New Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Acknowledged and filed

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Arbor Professional Solutions RE: Wentland

S. Ruhlman moved to authorize Arbor Professional Solutions to proceed with collection of the outstanding fire rescue invoice RE: Wentland, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

S. Ruhlman 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 March 2022, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Chloride Applications

T. Lauer moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission for chloride applications on all local roads and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Shoulder Patch

T. Eder moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission for shoulder patch on local hard surface roads and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Swath Mowing

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission for swath mowing on all local roads and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Limestone Haul  
S. Ruhlman moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission for limestone haul on Broadbridge Road between Palms and Mayer, Perch Road between Mayer and M-29, Old Dyke Road, and Swan Creek Road between M-29 and Ira and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

St. Clair County Road Commission Agreement RE Limestone Haul  
T. Eder moved to approve the Agreement with the St. Clair County Road Commission for limestone haul on Arnold Road between Church and Meldrum, Meldrum Road between Marine City Highway and Arnold, Arnold Road between Meldrum and Light Bridge at Hessen, Arnold Road between Palms and Light Bridge at Hessen, Markel Road between Palms and Mayer and Swan Creek Road between Short Cut and Broadbridge and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township, supported by T. Lauer.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Application RE: Temporary Uses - Special Events for Immaculate Conception Festival  
T. Lauer moved to approve the Temporary Uses - Special Events Permit for the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Immaculate Conception Family & Friends Summer Festival for July 16, 2022, to refund the \$50 application fee, to recommend that a letter be sent to Clay Township Police Department for their presence at the event and to grant the Fire Department's request to have a fire truck at the event, supported by S. Ruhlman.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Request for Waiver of Sewer Charges RE 7752 Shorkey  
S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and waive sewer charges, in the amount of \$24.20, for the property at 7752 Shorkey Drive, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Inspection  
S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the proposal from Project Control Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$39,800.00, to clean and inspect the remaining portion of the sanitary sewer system that was not part of the original SAW grant applications, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Hydrant Purchase  
T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve the proposal from ETNA Supply, in the amount of \$6,886.00, to purchase two hydrants, supported by S. Ruhlman.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Firefighter Resignation  
T. Eder moved to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and accept the resignation letter from John Sablowski, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Equipment Replacement  
S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Municipal Emergency Services, for the sum of \$13,545.20 plus shipping, to purchase 10 SCBA Carbon Bottles and 10 SCBA Masks, supported by T. Eder.  
All voting yes.                      Opposing: None                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Revision 21/22 #4

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4/4 Meeting

**General Fund**

Expenditures

101-000-995.592	Transfer to Water/Sewer Fund	200,000	ARPA Money
Executive			
101-173-749	Workman's Compensation	350	
101-173-801	Professional & Contractual Service- Legal	2,000	
101-173-935	Property Liability Insurance	300	
Assessing			
101-257-754	Office Supplies	1,000	
101-257-818.005	Contractual Services - Designated Assessor	250	
Township Office			
101-265-974	Capital Outlay - Land Improvement	5,000	
Inspection Dept			
101-371-801	Professional & Contractual Service- Legal	2,000	
101-371-844	Building Inspector	5,000	
Roads			
101-446-967	Project Costs	170,000	

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 385,900.00 increase to the Expenditures

**Fire Fund**

Expenditures

206-000-749	Workman's Compensation	8,100
206-000-765	Emergency Supplies - Medical	700

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 8,800.00 increase to the Expenditures

**Water/Sewer Fund**

Expenditures

592-536-718	Health Insurance Premiums	1,000
592-536-754	Office Supplies	1,000
592-536-801	Attorney Fees	50,000
592-537-754	Office Supplies	1,000
592-537-818	Contractual Services	10,000

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 63,000.00 increase to the expenses

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Revision 21/22 #4, as presented, for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Amendment 21/22 #5

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4/4 Meeting

**Fire Fund**

206-000-975	Capital Outlay - Fire Truck	6,400
206-000-985	Capital Outlay - Grant	(6,400)

**Water/Sewer Fund**

592-537-935	Property Liability Insurance	2,000
592-537-930	Land & Building Repairs	(2,000)

S. Ruhlman moved to approve Budget Amendment 21/22 #5 as presented for the Fire Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance #128 - Amend Ordinance #47 Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code

T. Eder moved to adopt Ordinance #128 to Amend Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code Ordinance, being Ordinance #47, supported by S. Ruhlman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: J. Endres Jr., T. Lauer, T. Eder, S. Ruhlman and J. Corbat

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Disc Golf Baskets

T. Lauer moved to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and authorize the purchase of disc golf baskets and supplies from MVP Disc Sports, in the amount of \$4,739.00, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Spring/Summer Newsletter Printing Vendor

S. Ruhlman moved to table this matter for additional information, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS:**

Police Run Report- March 2022

Building Department Permits - March 2022

Code Enforcement - March 2022

DPS Superintendent - March 2022:

- Update on Sewer Lift Station repairs;
- Update on Rate Study and meeting with Plante Moran;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - March 2022

- Easter Egg Hunt Update;
- Sign Language Class Update;
- Update on Arts & Craft events;
- Music in the Park series update;
- Update on County Crew;

Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap - March 2022

- 74 calls in March;
- New Truck in service;
- Contact from Immaculate Conception for Dinner at Station auction item; approved for use;

Supervisor:

- Received letter RE 8361 Broadbridge;
- Office help interviews proceedings and Special meeting scheduled for April 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
- May 7, 2022 PTM Clean-up on Bethuy Road;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of March 30, 2022;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - March 2022;

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$146,664.44 and supported by J. Endres Jr.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$55,386.09
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$22,936.68
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$58,086.01
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$1,895.92
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$1,292.75
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$7,066.99
<b>Total for All Funds</b>	<b>\$146,664.44</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 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jean Corbat, Clerk