

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

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

Board member absent: Thomas Lauer

MINUTES:

T. Eder moved to approve the minutes of the 4/4/2022 regular and 4/11/22 special meetings, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- FEMA Update
- Michigan Department of Treasury AMAR Update
- Wideband Group RE Broadband Proposal

Acknowledged and filed

Additional correspondence received from Attorney John A. MacKenzie of Maddin Hauser for property located at 8361 Broadbridge Road, (the "Property").

Attorney Jordan Segal, appearing on behalf of the Maddin Hauser firm, addressed the Board regarding clients, Raed Kasmikah and Faik Yaldo, who have requested that the Township amend Section 17.004F. of Ordinance No. 105 Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance and an accompanying amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance to permit a medical marihuana grow facility as a permitted use at the Property.

Mr. Segal stated the following:

- The Property would be used for a marihuana grow facility only with plants transported through-out the state of Michigan;
- Amend Section 17.004F. to remove the appropriate section to allow the facility;
- The facility would generate income for the Township; increase property values around the facility; they would be good neighbors and hire 10-15 Ira Township residents to work at the facility;
- In November 2018, Township residents voted 55% to 45% in favor of Ballot Proposal 2018-1;
- If developed the Property would be a limited operation as a grow facility only;
- Owner would offer a buffer zone to all neighbors and traffic would be a minimum as this is a grow facility only;
- Owners would be leasing Property to a third party;

The Board discussed and asked for additional information from Attorney Segal. Discussion included, current zoning of the Property and whether this use is permitted; if allowed would this affect other properties in the Township where other owners would want to open like-type facilities; odor and other issues related to a grow facility; neighboring communities have allowed this in industrial zoned areas only; confirmation by Attorney Segal that his clients knew about the Township's ordinance before they purchased the Property; how would this development increase neighboring property values, and other discussion items. After diligent discussion, the Board took the following action.

T. Eder moved to decline Mr. Segal's invitation to amend our Ordinance at this time, to allow for further cultivation of medical marijuana in the Township, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

VFW Request for American Flag Purchase

J. Endres Jr. moved to approve the request of the Fred Quandt VFW Post to purchase 8" x 12" American Flags, from Collins Flags for the amount of \$360.00 plus shipping, to place at veterans graves in the Township, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Clay Police - Monthly Additional Charges

J. Endres Jr. moved to approve the additional monthly charge of \$1,330.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of April 2022, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Wastewater Plant Tours

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the DPS Superintendent and approve travel costs in the amount of \$1,682.80 for the DPS Superintendent and Township Supervisor to travel to Wisconsin to tour two wastewater facilities, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Library Exterior Renovations

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the proposal from Hubbard Home Improvements for exterior renovations to the Township Library building, as a General Fund expenditure in the amount of \$12,750.00, 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 proposals from IMEG, in the amount of \$115,400, and from Marquis Electrical Services, in the amount of \$30,395.00, for a total project cost of \$145,795.00 for improvements to the water plant, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Participation in Memorial Day Parade

J. Endres Jr. moved to authorize the Fire Department to participate in the City of New Baltimore's Memorial Day Parade, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

Police Run Report- April 2022

Building Department Permits - April 2022

Code Enforcement - April 2022

DPS Superintendent - April 2022:

- June 11-12 is Annual Tire Collection Weekend and MGM Dumpsters has donated two 30-yard dumpsters for residents to use for general debris clean-up; Event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - April 2022

- Easter Egg Hunt successful and weather great;
- Need two sponsors for Music in the Park;
- Update on upgrades for Disc Golf;
- Registration for Nature Heroes will begin in May;

- Archery equipment was delivered;
- MSU Cooperative Extension Fruits and Veggies Nutrition series scheduled for June 18th will target 55+ residents;

Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap - April 2022

- 54 calls in April;
- Memorial Day Parade;

Supervisor:

- Limestone haul will begin this week or next; cost expected to increase \$2,084 from original projection;
- Multiple meetings coming up in May and June;

Clerk:

- East China School District Special millage election tomorrow;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of April 27, 2022;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - April 2022;
- Building Department Refunds - April 2022;

Trustee Eder:

- Township Newsletter was great;
- Constituent inquired on process for blight complaint;

Treasurer Ruhlman:

- Working to get broadband to part of Township where it is not currently available; meeting to be scheduled with Duke Broadband;

DISBURSEMENTS:

S. Ruhlman moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$214,245.82 and supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

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Fund 101 General Government	\$66,763.17
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$10,023.23
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$125,525.64
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$7,280.25
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$3,096.41
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$1,557.12
Total for All Funds	\$214,245.82

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Kott (8459 Jordan) requested repair / replacement of sidewalk at entrance to subdivision caused by a watermain break;

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss J. Endres Jr. moved, with the support of S. Ruhlman, to close the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk