

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
IRA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 6, 2022**

The Ira Township Board of Trustees met in the board room of the Ira Township Hall on June 6, 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.

Board member absent: None

MINUTES:

S. Ruhlman moved to approve the minutes of the 5/2/2022 regular and 5/24/22 special meetings, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dave LaDuke of Duke Broadband, Inc., provided an update on securing a grant to provide broadband internet service to rural areas in the Township not currently serviced by internet providers. Mr. LaDuke provided a status on the grant application and construction activities which should begin in late summer 2022. The internet service is a 100% fiber network directly to a home or business with 1Gb of service. Mr. LaDuke will keep the Board updated on his progress. The Board supports this project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Tri-Hospital EMS 2022 First Quarter Newsletter
- SEMCO Energy Gas Company Notice of Hearing

Acknowledged and filed

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Clair County Council on Aging

J. Endres Jr. moved to appropriate \$1,500.00 to the St. Clair County Council on Aging for the Washington Life Center to help defray the costs of serving the senior citizens of Ira, 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 \$2,052.00 from the Clay Township Police Department, for additional services rendered during the month of May 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Provencher Lot Split (Vacant Short Cut Road 74-23-620-0046-001)

T. Lauer moved to approve the lot split for parcel #74-23-620-0046-001 as presented, after verification that all real estate taxes are paid, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Commission Recording Secretary

T. Lauer moved to offer Sue Parsell the position of commission recording secretary, at the rate of \$45.00 per hour to attend commission meetings and \$15.00 per hour to prepare corresponding minutes, supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

McBride - Manley Audit Engagement Letter

T. Lauer moved to approve the audit engagement letter from McBride - Manley, in the amount of \$35,998.00, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Election Inspector Pay

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and approve the Election Inspector Pay, as follows: \$12.50 per hour for inspectors, \$15.00 per hour for precinct chairs, \$50.00 for receiving board members if not already working the election and \$30.00 to attend training, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Request to Terminate Water and Sewer Service (8180 Long Island Court)

J. Endres Jr. moved to table this matter to the next scheduled meeting for further investigation, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Request to Waive Late Fees (9829)

T. Lauer moved to deny the request to waive late charges, supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Bay-Rama Parade

T. Eder moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief to authorize use of a fire truck to participate in the annual Bay-Rama Parade to be held on June 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., supported by S. Ruhlman.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Computer Replacement

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and approve the quote from Hi-Tech, as presented, in the amount of \$1,961.59, to purchase two computers, supported by T. Eder.
All voting yes. Opposing: None **MOTION CARRIED**

Budget Revision 21/22 #5

Budget Revision 21/22 #5		6/6 Meeting
General Fund		
Expenditures		
Executive		
101-173-818.001	Contractual Services - Computers	7,000
101-173-900	Printing/Publishing	3,000
101-173-970	Capital Outlay - Control	3,000
Assessing		
101-257-834	BOR/Tax Tribunal/Prior Year Refunds	3,300
Township Offices		
101-265-930	Land & Building Repairs	1,000
Inspection Department		
101-371-801	Professional & Contractual Service - Legal	3,000
101-371-844	Building Inspector	10,000
Parks & Recreation		
101-751-816.002	Recreation Program - Easter	100
101-751-818	Contractual Services	1,500
101-751-818.002	Contractual Service P&R Program Fees	2,000
Library		
101-791-921	Natural Gas	500
101-790-974	Capital Outlay - Land Improvements	12,750

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 47,150.00 increase to the Expenditures

Fire Fund

Expenditures

206-000-756	Supplies - Tools & Hardware	1,000
206-000-758	Diesel Fuel	4,000
206-000-764	Firefighter Personal Protection Equip	1,000
206-000-818	Contractual Services	6,000
206-000-921	Natural Gas	1,500
206-000-930	Land & Building Repairs	500
206-000-960	Bank & Other Miscellaneous Charges	100
206-000-975	Capital Outlay - Fire Truck	1,000

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 15,100.00 increase to the Expenditures

Water/Sewer Fund

Sewer

Expenditures

592-536-759	Gasoline	3,000
592-536-767	Clothing	900
592-536-850	Communication - Telephone	1,000
592-536-855	Engineering Services	7,000
592-536-900	Printing/Publishing	200
592-536-921	Natural Gas	1,500
592-536-930	Land & Building Repairs	1,000

Water

Expenditures

592-537-759	Gasoline	3,000
592-537-818	Contractual Services	2,000
592-537-818.001	Contractual Services - Computer	500
592-537-956	Seminars/Workshops/Training	500

Net effect on budget will be a \$ 20,600.00 increase to the expenses

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

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Reschedule Board of Trustees Meetings

S. Ruhlman moved to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and reschedule Board of Trustees meeting dates or location as follows: July 2022 meeting from Monday, July 4, 2022 to Wednesday, July 6, 2022, August 1, 2022 meeting location from the Ira Township Hall to the Ira Township Fire Hall, and November 2022 meeting from Monday, November 7, 2022 to Wednesday, November 2, 2022, supported by T. Lauer.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

22/23 Budget Hearing/Special Meeting

J. Endres Jr. moved to set the 22/23 budget hearing for June 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with a special meeting to follow the hearing, supported by S. Ruhlman.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS :

Police Run Report- May 2022

Building Department Permits - May 2022

Code Enforcement - May 2022

DPS Superintendent - May 2022:

- Getting grass cutting under control;
- New sanitary sewer lift station at Mallard Pond;
- Letter sent to Teltow Contracting, Inc., on storm sewer station issues at Mallard Pond;
- Update on demolition of building at 8324 Dixie;
- Update on Ordinance Amendment RE water and sewer rates;
- Update on ongoing sewer matters;

Parks & Rec Director's Reports - May 2022

- Parks & Recreation Commission met on June 1st, 2022 and approved a draft of the new Parks & Recreation Master Plan;
- Adaptive Swing presentation with TLC scheduled for June 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. - all invited;
- Will be working with DPS RE lights off during fishfly season;
- Working with DPS RE Digital Board;
- Trail Cams are being installed;
- The Lions Club is hosting a Drive-In-Movie with all proceeds going to the Parks & Recreation Department;
- Working on millage paperwork which should be completed next month;
- County Crew cancelled for this Saturday;

Fire Chief's Fire Run Recap - May 2022

- 85 calls in May;
- No slowdown in June calls and already 45 calls ahead of calls from last year at this time;

Supervisor:

- Update on trip to Wisconsin three weeks ago to see sewer treatment plants;
- Meeting on Wastewater Authority on June 9th;

Clerk:

- Attending Clerks meeting on June 9, 2022;
- AV Applications have been sent for August/November 2022 elections;

Treasurer:

- Bank Balances as of May 31, 2022;
- Water / Sewer Adjustments - May 2022;
- Argo MCAA refund in the amount of \$6,400;

DISBURSEMENTS:

T. Lauer moved to pay the following disbursements totaling \$202,756.05 and supported by T. Eder.

All voting yes. Opposing: None

MOTION CARRIED

Reg	
Fund 101 General Government	\$64,269.39
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$20,044.06
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$91,054.48
ACH	
Fund 101 General Government	\$710.37
Fund 206 Fire Fund	\$73.31
Fund 592 Water / Sewer Fund	\$339.99
Add-Ons	<u>\$26,264.45</u>
Total for All Funds	\$202,756.05

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Moscone (7780 Wagner Lane) inquired on what can be done to pave Wagner Lane which is a private road in the Township. At this time, twelve of the twenty property owners on Wagner Lane are in favor of the paving. Previously there was an agreement with the Road Commission to maintain Wagner Lane with charges billed to individual property owners by the Township as part of their winter taxes. Since the Road Commission withdrew agreement to maintain the roadway it now falls to the homeowners to handle. Property owners on Wagner Lane would like the roadway paved as previously done for the residents of Vernier Lane which is also a private road. The Supervisor will look into how this was handled in the past and respond to Mr. Moscone.

Tom Kott (8459 Jordan) requested update on grass cutting at 8361 Broadbridge;

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss T. Lauer moved, with the support of T. Eder, to close the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbat, Clerk